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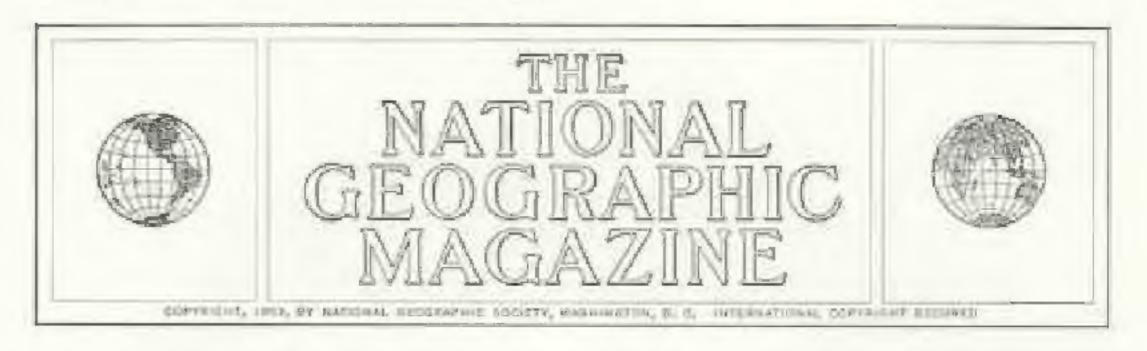
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Man-made Light, Outshining the Sun, Reveals a Fairyland Made World-famous by the National Geographic Society

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With Illustrations from Photographs by E. "Tex" Helm

ARLSBAD Caverns, which are usually as dark and quiet as the tomb, have stirred with nocturnal fire of late. For photography's sake, their limestone chandeliers and draperies have been bombarded with light four times as intense as sunshine. The caverns have seen New Mexico's most vivid flash since the fixing of the world's first atomic bomb near Alamogordo in 1945.

Tex Helm, a Carlshad photographer, has just finished shooting the caverns in natural color. His photographs inspired this article, the fourth on the caverns to be published in your Society's Magazine.*

"King of Its Kind"

The caverns were a relatively obscure national monument in 1924 and 1925 when the National Geographic Society put them 'on the map." Backed by a \$16,000 grant from The Society, Dr. Willis T., Lee, of the United States Geological Survey (page 449), explored, surveyed, and mapped portions of the caverns and wrote two articles for the National Geographic Magazine.

"The most spectacular of underground wonders in America," Lee called them, "For specious chambers, for variety and beauty, [the cave] is king of its kind."

Or, Lee became the caverns' first custodian, serving without pay. In his day yearly visitors were counted by the hundreds. In 1952 attendance rose to a record \$30,000.

Among the first men to see the caverns were the Basket Maker Indians, who left picto-

graphs on the entrance walls but apparently never explored the pit. Ranchers in the 1880's became aware of the cave because evening's spiraling but flights darkened the sky above the mouth like the funnel of a tornado.

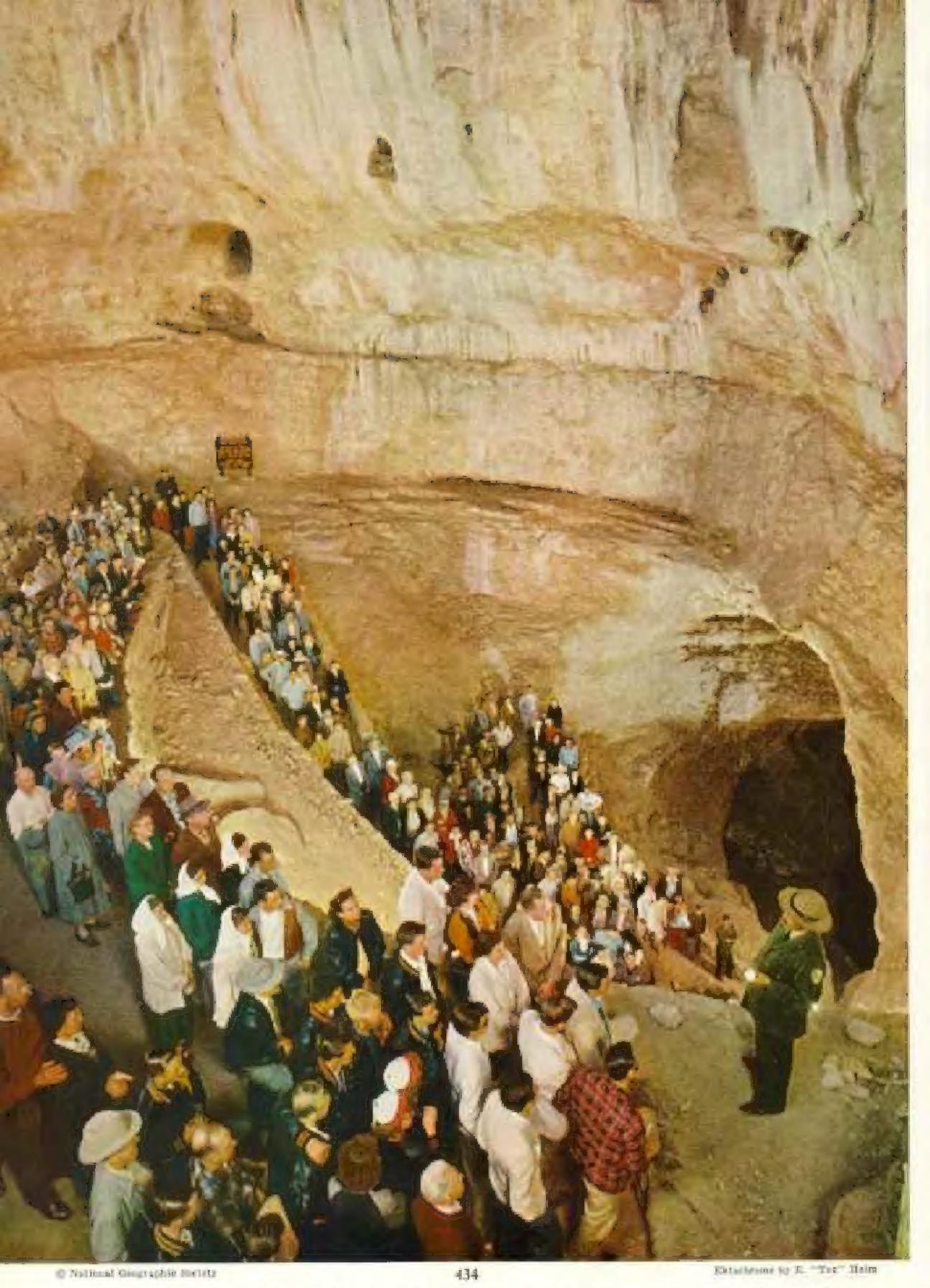
No one explored the deeper recesses until 1901, when James Larkin White, a young cowboy, descended with a kerosene torch and gazed upon hidden wonders.

Though Mr. White's story was greeted with incredulity, he made the caverns his life's work and hobby. Years went by before he saw his faith rewarded. In 1924 he guided the National Geographic exploration party, and in 1930 he saw Carlsbad Caverns established as a national park.

Besides Carlsbad Caverns, The Society has promoted public interest in Katmai National Monument, Alaska, site of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes; Sequoia National Park, California, where it helped save the Sierra redwoods; and Shenandonh National Park, in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains.

In Chaco Canyon, New Mexico, National Geographic-Smithsonian Institution scientists uncovered Pueblo Bonito, an Indian rule. A later project dated it by tree-ring analysis. These investigations pushed back the Southwest's historic horizons almost eight centuries before Columbus.

* See "A Visit to Carlshad Cavern, New Mexico," January, 1924, and "New Discoveries in Carlshad Cavern," September, 1925, both by Willis T. Lee; and "Bots of the Carlshad Cavern," by Verson Budey, September, 1935.



"Ludies and Gentlemen: You Are Entering the World's Most Speciacular Caverns"

Tour leader Claude Fernandez (right) tells hikers they face a sharp 829 foot descent, and "this is the time to take the elevator if you think you can't make it." Twilight may see 5 million bars streaming out of the entrance.

For my tour of the caverns I had the company of Col. Thomas Boles, superintendent of the park from 1927 to 1946. Colonel Boles, having retired from the National Purk Service, lives in Carlsbad, where he serves the United States Potash Company as public-relations counsel. Carlsbad, a city of 26,000 lying 27 miles northwast of the caverns (map, page 450), is the capital of the United States potash industry. Its mines contribute 85 percent of the Nation's potash production.

Down, Down, Down-829 Feet

"During my 19 years at the caverns," Colonel Boles told me, "I spoke to some 2,188,000 visitors. They included Sir Harry Lauder, who wore his kilt; Robert Ripley, who broadcast from the cave; also Will Rogers. Dr. and Mrs. Gilbert Grosvenor, Burton Holmes, Amelia Earbart, and Ernie Pyle.

"Altogether," Boles continued, "I have made 5,071 complete trips and have enjoyed every one. With every tour I see something I missed before—a fessil in the wall or a natural carving brought out by new lighting."

For a moment we stood in the caverns' mouth, where ages ago a limestone collapse formed a natural entrance 4.350 feet above sen level in the foothills of the Guadalupe Mountains (opposite). Then we started walking down the switchbacks, a series of winding ramps descending 829 feet, the equivalent of an 80-story building. Before long we passed the entrance to the But Cave (page 442).

"I recall the time," said Boles, "when a party got caught in the bats' return flight. Women screamed and raised skirts above their heads.

"In those days we had no paved trails down the switchbacks but used staircases. The long, steep slope left unaccustomed leg muscles

cramped and aching."

Entering the Main Corridor, a cathedrallike hall a mile long, we saw natural sculptures such as the American Eagle, with a 12-foot wingspread; the Whale's Mouth; the Three Little Monkeys, perched high above the trail; and the Baby Hippo.

My attention was drawn to millions of tons of material which had fallen from the ceiling.

"Don't be alarmed," said Boles, "You couldn't be in a safer place. No collapse has

taken place in years."

We arrived at a collapse so spectacular that it has received a name—the Iceberg. Like a berg at sea, it conceals seven-eighths of its bulk. Despite its 100,000 tons, the Iceberg slipped so gently that its pendent statactites received no injury.

Our trail led to the Green Lake Room, first of the scenic rooms, so named for their wealth of fantastic decoration. Here floodlights threw the Veiled Statue into hold relief (page 436), a frozen waterfall spilled out of a tunnel, and a small enchanted pond turned reflected light an emerald green.

Passing the Bashful Elephant, we entered the King's Palace, which some authorities consider the caverns' most ornate chamber (page

450).

There stalactites by the thousands glitter like icicles or chandeliers. One 7-foot pendant as slender as a soda straw is known as the King's Bellcord. Another downward groping stalactite and upward reaching stalagnite come within a knife's blade of kissing. Doomed sever to touch, they are called the friestrated Lovers.

These two stand guard over a keyhole entrance to the Queen's Chamber (page 459). There we found examples of the famous draperies, masses of stalactites grown together in the form of cartains (page 468). We saw no sign of the Queen herself, but the King's Boots hung in her chamber.

Baby of the royal chambers is the Papoose Room, its low ceiling gleaming with porcupinequill stalactites. No one has described them better than the little girl who said, "That's just how my foot feels when it goes to sleep."

Old-timers Drank Drip Water

At times Boles used to halt touring parties in the scenic rooms for lunch, and they drank pure, cold drip water caught on the spot. In those days a certain guide was wont to announce: "All the garbage you don't eat put in this here can."

The colonel recalled that male guests used to carry hunches on their belts, and these wagged like tails. Sometimes when a mun slipped and fell, he got up wearing an "apri-

cot-pie sunflower."

Talk about food reminded us that we were hangry. Walking up Appetite Hill, 60 feet of rugged switchbacks, and past the Bone-yard, a partly dissolved rock chamber (page 467), we came to the lunchroom (page 460).

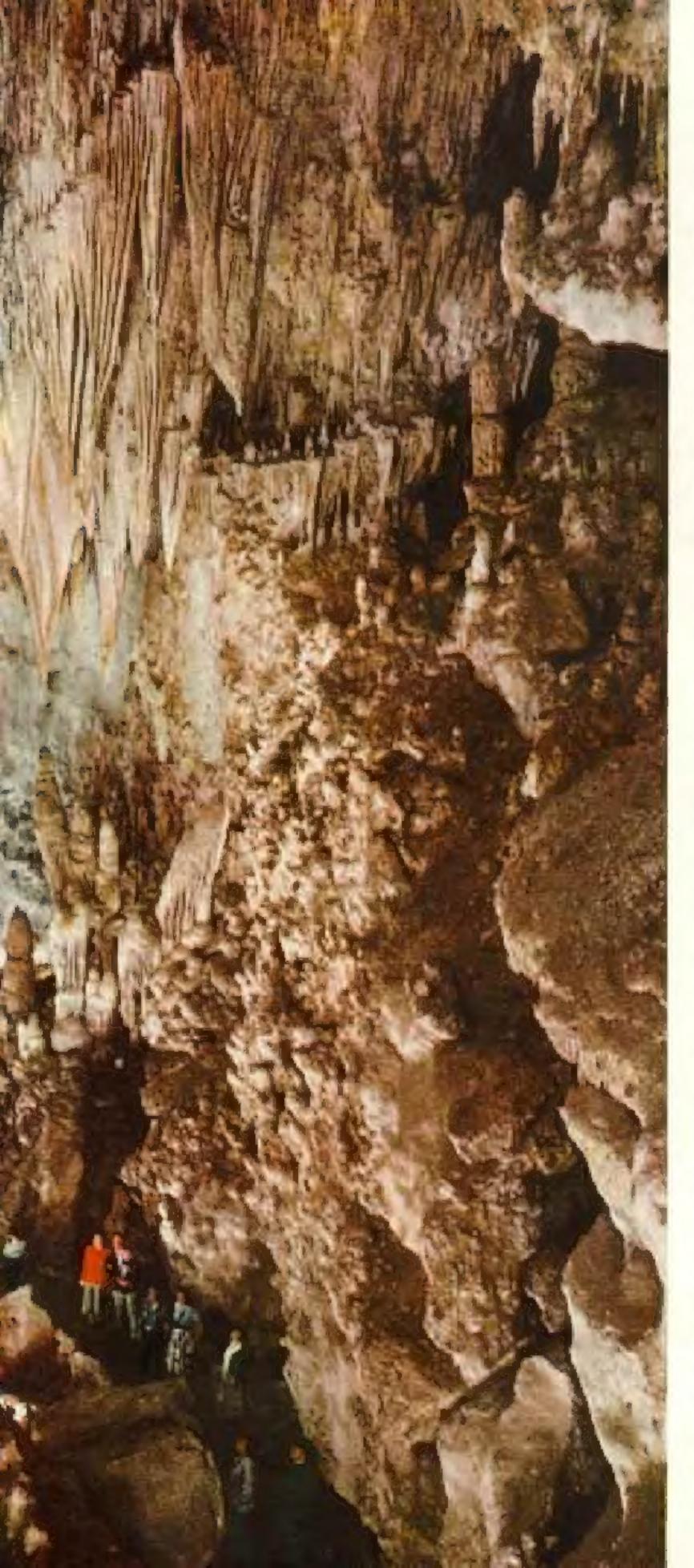
Buying coffee and sandwiches, we visited the guides' table. There we met Dave Mitchell, an old-time guano freighter and dean of park employees.

Sight of Mr. Mitchell reminded Colonel Boles of the Rat Hole trip that parties used to take before tours grew too unwieldy.

"That narrow tunnel made an interesting detour from the main passageway," he said. Everybody got a laugh when lat men got stuck in a tight gap. Dave had the answer—an old starched collar, saved for the occasion. Just as the visitor's trousers grew taut under strain. Dave ripped the collar apart with the explosive sound of rent garments."

"Well," said Mr. Mitchell, "I hate to tell





Veiled Status (Left)
Stands in the Green
Lake Room Like an Art
Work in White Shroud

This guided party walked about a mile through the Main Corridor without secling many spectacular formations. Having been promised much, some were beginning to wonder. But skepticism turned to awe when they entered the Green Lake Room, first of the scenic rooms, or decorated chambers. Now ever were dazzled by thousands of delicate stalactites hanging sciclelike from the ceiling.

In contrast to the caverns' original explorers, who clambered over loose rocks and collapsed formations, these visitors follow a paved trail. Over their heads hang examples of the draperies, the curtainlike formations created by water depositing its mineral burden as it evaporated.

Each of the stalactites, the downward hanging stone lances, was formed by water seeping out of the ceiling and leaving a trail of mineral in tubular form, like a sociastraw. Where the drip continued, droplets falling to the floor built a stalagmite growing upward.

Sometimes stalactive and stalagmite met and grew together in a pillar or column. Such a formation is the
Veiled Statue, to which the
National Park Service's uniformed tour leader points.
Dripstone created this maryel within the last 100,000
years.

Age of the Carlshad formations has been determined by the fact that many stand on flow-tone hid above silts and foesils whose geologic age is comparatively recent. The caverns themselves are millions of years older.

The Green Lake Room takes its name from a small green pond (lower center) fed by drip water. Most of its formations have stopped growing, reflecting chimatic changes overhead in semi-arid New Mexico.

O Matinal Georgephic Society

Phiastroms by R. Tex Below

this story—It sounds too fishy for belief—but once when I was resting on a bench in the caverns I saw an cerie light bubbling toward me as if someone were swinging a lantern. It went out just as mysteriously as it appeared. There was no one also in the passage, and in those days we had no electric lights. To the best of my knowledge, the thing was a fireball, a will-of-the-wisp. I have met it several times since."

Occurring in marshes, will-o'-the-wisp, or ignis fatuus, is supposedly caused by the combastion of methane, or marsh gas. But no one in our party could account for the gas's presence in the caverns, for the air changes naturally every 24 hours. Some, however, recalled having seen cave fog where warm air met cold. Except where cold drafts seep in, the caverns' temperature remains a constant 56° F., winter and summer.

Rescued from Elevator Shaft

Talk got around to the two elevators, which stand near the lunchroom, and to the adventure of Les Thompson, a park ranger.

"One day in 1939," Boles said, "Les backed into an elevator shaft, assuming the elevator was standing where he had left it a few seconds earlier. Instead, someone had driven it to the 'basement' 754 feet below. Tumbling into darkness in a sitting position, he groped for the greased hoisting cables, caught them in the crook of his arm, wrapped his legs around them, and slid to a stop 150 feet down.

"Les then swung onto a girder, where an elevator crew rescued him. White and shaky, he emerged a few minutes later, much to the surprise of 11 people who had seen him drop. Then he went home and notified his wife. He returned to work two days later despite severely blistered hands. Since his escape Les regards himself as living on borrowed time."

Mrs. Jim White, who sells her late husband's memoirs at a booth close to the elevators, told me how she had cooked for Dr. Lee and other members of the National Geographic exploratory party in 1924.

"When Jim took them out to the Bat Cave and let them down in the iron bucket," she said, "I put a pot of beaus on the stove, never knowing when they'd come back. Every day I drove buttos with drinking water to the entrance."

Jim's old bucket, in which he let Bat Cave visitors down into 170 feet of darkness, hangs today in a prominent position above his widow's sales booth.

"Jim was my chief ranger, my showpiece," Colonel Boles remarked, "I used to introduce him to the crowd, then let him lead the tour. Long before I came here Jim sensed

that millions would follow him, and he did his best to preserve the beauties of the caveras. He'd fight a man who broke a formation. I made some exploratory trips with him. He was cattooted in his cowboy boots, and he was compass minded."

"My oldest visitor," the colonel reminisced, "was Thomas Burns, of Texas, who claimed 100 years. He walked down and then wanted to walk out, but I persuaded him to take the elevator. My youngest, Nelda Marie Davis, a 15-day-old Texan, was carried in on a pillow.

"A year-old baby making the tour still lacked a name, and her parents proposed that I choose one. I suggested Caverna. Nine-teen years later a young lady came up to me and said, 'You don't know who I am, but you named me. I'm Caverna Clinch,'

"We used to keep a wheelchair for invalids," Boles said, "but my successors banished it when it ran away down a ramp, furtunately without injury to its occupant. One disabled man toured the caverns in a wheelbarrow, and kindly members of the crowd helped his relatives push it."

Our rest time was up. We hiked to the Big Room, whose mile and a quarter of trail consumes the second balf of the tour. This richly ornamented chamber, the largest known anywhere, is shaped like a cross, one arm measuring some 2,000 feet and the cross-piece stretching 1 (00). The ceiling at its highest rises 285 feet (page 464).

Passing the Painted Grotto, we caught a distant view of the Rock of Ages, a monumental stalagmite (page 462).

Texans at the Rock of Ages

At this rock Colonel Boles used to stop tour parties and call the roll of States, the members responding like delegates at a political convention. He saved the Texans until the last, because "cheering the mention of their State, they made further roll call impossible."

We marched past Crystal Spring Done, fastest growing formation within the caverns (page 454); the Bottomless Pit, whose bottom actually can be seen by flashlight (page 458); Mirror Lake, which correctly reflects its own inverted signpost; the Totem Pole, tallest of several skinny stalagmites resembling their Indian-made namesakes (opposite page); Temple of the Sun (page 444); Fairyland, where stone dolls pour stone tea; and finally the Hall of the Giants, where the Onyx Draperies and three buge domes stage the Big Room's smashing climax (page 466).

These big formations got the floodlights and signposts, but I took equal pleasure in some of the lesser sculptures, most of which had to be picked out with a flashlight. Among them I recall: The stone her sitting on her



Totem Pole, a Thin Stalagmite, Soars 35 Feet Toward the Frostwork Ceiling

A parental stalactite of equal size is lacking because water dripped too fast to deposit a big evaporative growth overhead. From several angles the Totom Pole shows a till from the vertical.





Tex Helm Mounts His Camera Ladders to Shoot the Cave

For his color poctures of Carlshad Caverns, Mr. Helm never set up fewer than a dozen cameros, each with a different lens opening to vary the exposure. He opened and closed shutters in total darkness, allowing flashbulbs to make a 1/30-second time exposure (page 448).

"As the caverns' floodlighting is dim," Mr. Helm points out, "visitors are only throwing their money away trying to make movies and color stills. The only effective

method is flash,"

Mr. Helm stands behind 2,400 spent bulbs used to Huminate the Big Room (page 464). These and others were provided by Sylvania Electric Products as an experiment in lighting visit sunless breas. Each bulb produced as much light as 1,190 sixty-watt house lamps.



Buts by the Millions Take Four Hours to Clear the Caverns' Mouth

Pigneer ranchers' attention was directed to the cave by evening's but flights, which darkened the sky like the funnel of a tornario. By night the bats fly for insects; by day they sleep in a dark chamber (page 443).

nest for thousands of years without laying an egg; Statue of Liberty, a stalagnifie, her left hand holding a torch; Abraham Lincoln, with furrowed brow and beatded chin; a life-size Santa Claus, complete to stocking cap, atop a totem pole; the Breast of Yenus, a conical stalagnifie; and the Mae West Formation, which has been blacked out by a change of lighting.

Also the Sword of Damocles, a bladelike stalactite poised above the trail; an enchanted city with Gothic skyscrapers, cathedrals, and castles standing in miniature atop a stone bluff; long stone faces having the quality of Easter Island sculptures; the stalactite growing from an elevator girder.

And finally the stalagmites that looked like fire hydrants; others that resembled giant candlesticks with melted wax running down their sides; stalagmites that looked like tombstones in a Moslem cemetery; still others coated with cancerous-looking 'popcorn.'

These and other wonders inspire a million questions, all of which the tour leaders answer

as best they can. A few adventurous visitors disappear into side passages, but when the guides switch off the rear lights the "explorers" quickly get back into line. Despite a strict rule against souvenir hunting, one man stole the lock and chain off an iron-barred chamber.

"Remember you can destroy in an instant what Nature took centuries to build," tour leaders point out. "Please don't touch the formations," they counsel. "Stay on the trail at all times and make your trip quietly."

Visitors Lose Sense of Time

I heard the silence rule broken at the Iceberg. Snapping off the lights to give us a taste of the utter blackness in which the caverns grew, a guide asked us to refrain from speech lest we destroy the illusion. A creepy interval followed. Then some man pinched his wife, she giggled hysterically, and the crowd roared.

In the caverns' dim lighting one loses all sense of time. Once when passing a park ranger I said, "Good night." His answering



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lough directed attention to my watch; it was 2:30 in the afternoon.

No place in the caverns is gloomier than the Bat Unive, an unlighted, oil-the-trail passage seldom shown to visitors. The eeric feeling is heightened by an ominous dick count moving across the walls—your cwashadow cast by lantern light.

Millions of Bats Sleep in Case

Gauset by Richard I ras I the park's assistant naturalist. I visited the bats' chamber in mid-March, two months ahead of their return from a winter sojo on in Mexico.

We waked across beds of amiest and tresh gains and here and there stumbled upon dusty cables and rusting are cars abandoned by guino miners. Those old-timers in 20 years removed 100 000 tons of jertilizer once stacked almost in the relling.

In a good season, when insects are plentiful," said Mr. Prasil, "five to eight million buts sleep on the centing by day, hanging head down. We can count them because 280 to 300 are known to occupy a square last, and it is a relatively simple flashlight job to measure their mosting area

With that word, Prasit directed a beam at a small dirk patch 100 feet overbead and calculated that the cave had approximately

2,000 terants.

Those 2 000," he sald, "are the forerunners of the big exigention to come this May, By evening they will stream out of the cotrance like a cloud of smoke, and as many as 1,200 people may gather to watch them.

"Leaving at the rate of 300 a second, the bats take four hours to clear the exit (page 441). Water is their first objective. Like locomotives, they scoop it up on the move.

"I have stood among the buts flying out of the cave. Now and then a partial albino with white body and that wings share like a snowball in a coal pile. The colony's oder was sweet and musky and overpowering; one could almost judge the intensity of the flight by the smell,"

Prasil was in no danger of being hit among the surest flyers in the world, buts move occurately in blinding darkness by using echologation, a sort of natural sonar with which they send but squeaks, catching the echoes as they beamer off obstacles. The house car can detect the beat of their leathery wings, and also their squeaks.*

Notatists have counted 14 species of Lata within the park. Of these, only seven roast in the tave. The overwhelming majority are Mexican free-tailed bats, so calle I because the full extends about an inch beyond the interleg membrane.

Last year the naturalists banded 3,000 buts to determine where they went during winter migration. Five have been returned, the closest from the cave's mouth, the most distant from Jacisco, Mexico, 800 miles to the south

Their the bats are here in full force." Pracil said, 'few men care to stand below the ceiling, for fleas and but they min down One authorized visitor, a parasitalogist, was searching for those very pests. To callert them, he stood beneath the colony and exposed a bald, shiny head, then ware, it cleans with a bandketchief. 'Thirty fine spranners' he cried, beaming, Stuffing dead bats in one coat pocket and guants samples in another, he departed happily on the bas.

"A lorner namber of the park staff made rattlesnake tollecting his hobby. He devoted every spare minute to his sankes. I truly believe he was fond of them. One day he was leading visitors through our cactus garden when an ugly rattler barred the path Women screamed; men grabbed stoke and stones. Our friend grasped a stick, too, but instead of churching the snake, he defied the crowd. Don't you dare but that snake, he warned. Then, using his stick, he removed the teptile from harm's way."

The cave itse f, which never harbors makes does contain two species of mice. Once in a while the guides sight a cooplike caromistle

or ritgtail, that has wanderer, in,

One permanent resident is the so-called care tracket, in reality a long-harmed grass-happer, which feeds on the tmy organisms fiving on purpo.

Other tenants are a cave worm, which has been identified as an insect's larva, and a tiny spider. Both spin webs in crevices and

Afther along them,

An estimated 1,000 mule deer make the surrounding 40,000-acre park their sanctuary. Many a men has spotted them apparently teading a sign, "U.S. park boundary. No hupting abouted." By night my car's head-lights picked up glow from the eyes of deer idling in the park highway. They showed no nurry to give right of way.

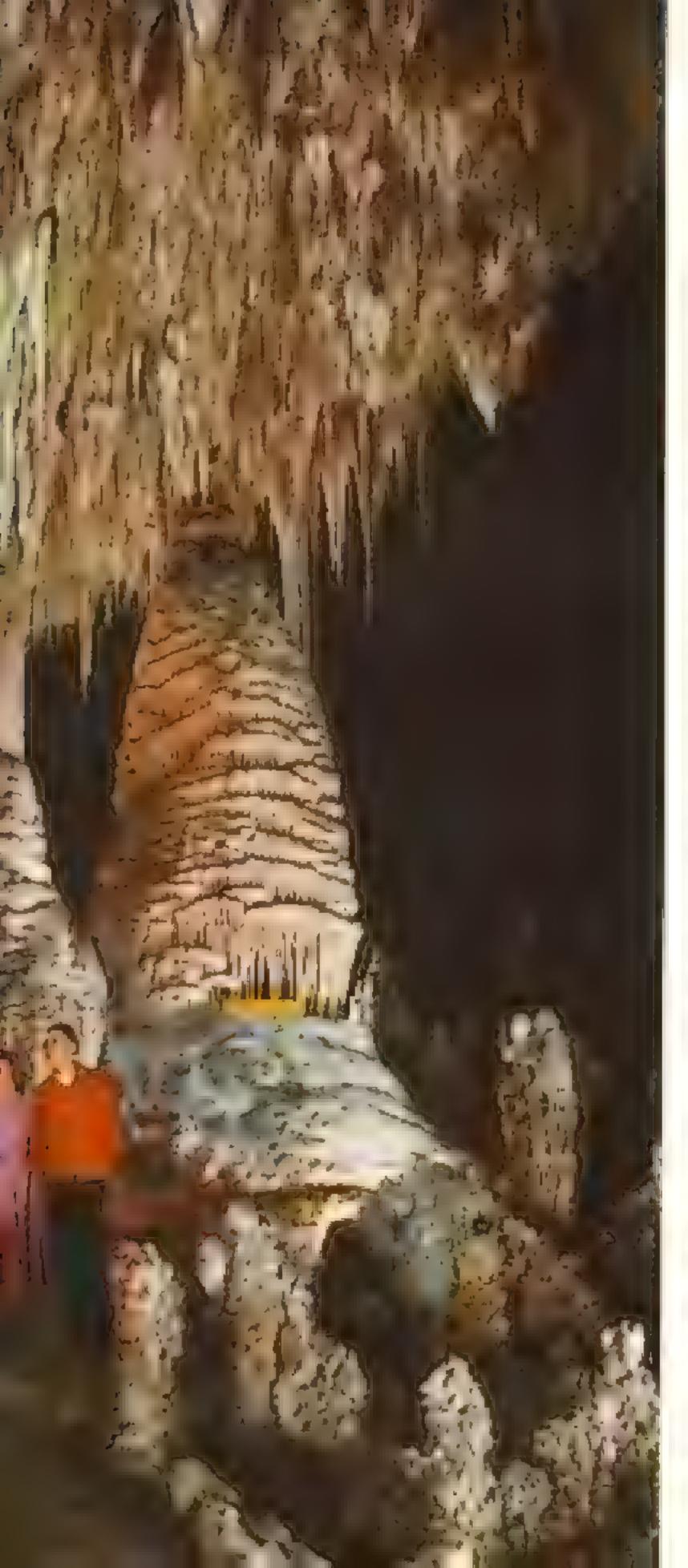
Cave Ice in the New Mexico Room

Guided by tour leader John Good, a geologist. I visited the New Mexico Room, an unlighted section of the coverns closed to the public because its unmarked paths are too steep, slippery, and dangerous.

Not even experienced guides are allowed to came here alone." Mr. Good told me "They must enter at least in pairs, so that if one slips and breaks a leg the other may

*See *Mystery Mammals of the Tarlight." by Donald et Griffin, National Griffing Managing, July, 1940.





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summon help." Not relishing the thought of being carried out on a stretcher. I took care as I picked my way up dripping ladders and flowstone

bond called my attention to the Charolate Deep, a large mount of dark-brown stone topped with gobs of marshmall w white.

Next, tlashights revealed cave ice, a crust of mitteral formed on evap entire water like the curd on helling milk. When the water drains away, the solidated crust remains like a sheet of ke.

Lily Pads Grow in Gave Pool

We saw stone bly pads forming in a shallow pool. Each drop of water from the ceiling created a rupple, causing the saturated water to depose part of its mineral quatent as a "lily pad" at the surface of the pool.

Baby stalketites one-eighth inch in dimeter hung from a rock-candy shrine. Good picked up a fallen specimen and pointed out its cored center, around which the mineral had been deposited. Like a boy at a soda fountain, I blew through the stone straw.

Good and I stood on a limestone halcony and looked down into the green waters of the limerald Pool. Descending to its tim, we admired stable tites mirrored as stabilizations.

Hot and weary, I was tempted to take off my shoes and wade into the pool, but Good dismaded me. "See those stany needles on the bottom?" he said. "They'd cut your bare feet to ribbons". So for relief we took a drirk of the Emerald's cold, pure water.

Helicipies grew in crazy or ninsion. Masses tesetidled frozen tumbleweeds, slender pieces looked like worms peking their hearls out of

apples.

Crystal beliefites, unlike normal stalactites, take shape in all directions in securing defiance of the laws of gravity. One explanation surpasses the fug of gravity, allowing them to build upward and sidewise. Some tour leaders put it this way: "Helictites are female stalactites that can't make up their minds which way to go."

In 1924 Dr. Lee and his aides spent neach time exploring and mapping Lower Cave which artually is no deeper than the scenic rooms. It gets its name from the fact that it may be seen 90 to 100 feet below the main trail. Two abyeses look down into it. One is the Jumping-off Place, a walled-in tridge from which no one has jumped yet. The other is the site of two rusting ladders used by the 1924 National Gergtaphic expedition (pages 449 and 455).

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Iwo phenomena. One was the Rookery, where pasolites, or cave pearls, grow in rolley stone nests (page 449). Unpping water tombles little grains of sand around in these traps, and as the grains roll they acquire concentric actetions not unlike those of oyster pearls. Supertimes they become so large they crowd one another out of the nest

Close by I watched the formation of splashstone. Lime-locen drip water, splashing into a pool and specuding out in all directions, precipitated a powdery mineral wherever it

struck and dried out

Dripstone, which forms vertical stalactites, stalagnilles, and draperles, is deposited in the manner indicated by its name. Flowstone, which paves floors and guano beds, is laid down in horizontal sheets. Frequently drip builds a stalagnite on top of dowstone.

The cavettes were hollowed out of a 1,600-foot-thick forestand of linestone called the Capitan. Limestone-precipitating utgae hid down the stratum some 180 to 200 million years up in the Permian Sea then covering

this part of North America.

At the time the Rockies started growing about 60 million pears ugo, the Carlsh; a Caverus area was uplifted. Between that era and the Pleistonene, a million years ago, ground water entered fissures and dissolved the less tosistant stone. Collapse hastened water's work. Finally the water table fell and all filled the cavities.

At that time the second, or decorative, phase of covern building set in. Rain water, seeping from the sutface, picked up linestone. Wherever orig was slow enough events or species to the water demonstrationals which, drop by drop, formed stalked the and stalagnates. Nature tried to fill the chambers she took so long to hellow out.

Few of these secondary formations can exceed 100,000 years, for numy test on silt and

fossils believed to be of that age.

Today 95 percent of the caverns is dry and dormant. Only a climatic revolution in semiarid New Mexico could bring fresh life to them.

How Behn Caught the Cave's Colors.

For years the caverns debed accurate co or photography. The National Park Service's floodlights, artful as they were, did not begin to satisfy the camera's needs. Tex Helm solved the problem with his multiple-flash year, which fires banks of flashbulbs simultaneously (page 440). His 2,400-bulb shot of the Hig Room set a record for flash photography (page 464). These bulbs produced light equal to that of three million 60-watt reading lamps

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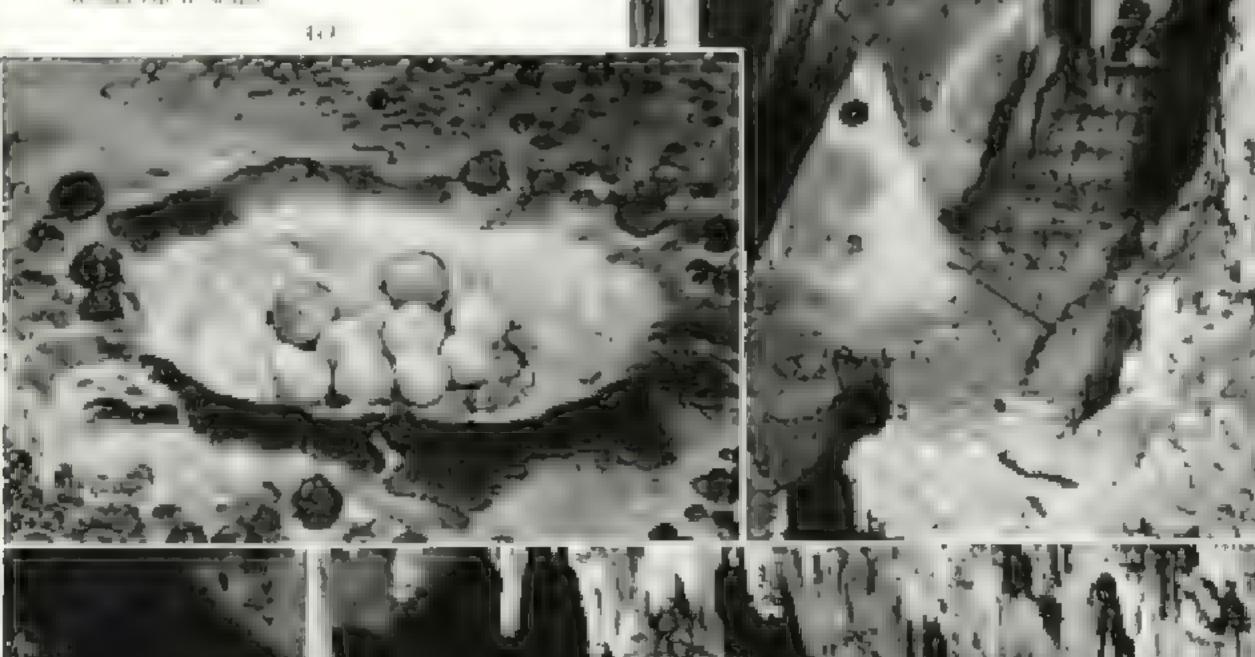
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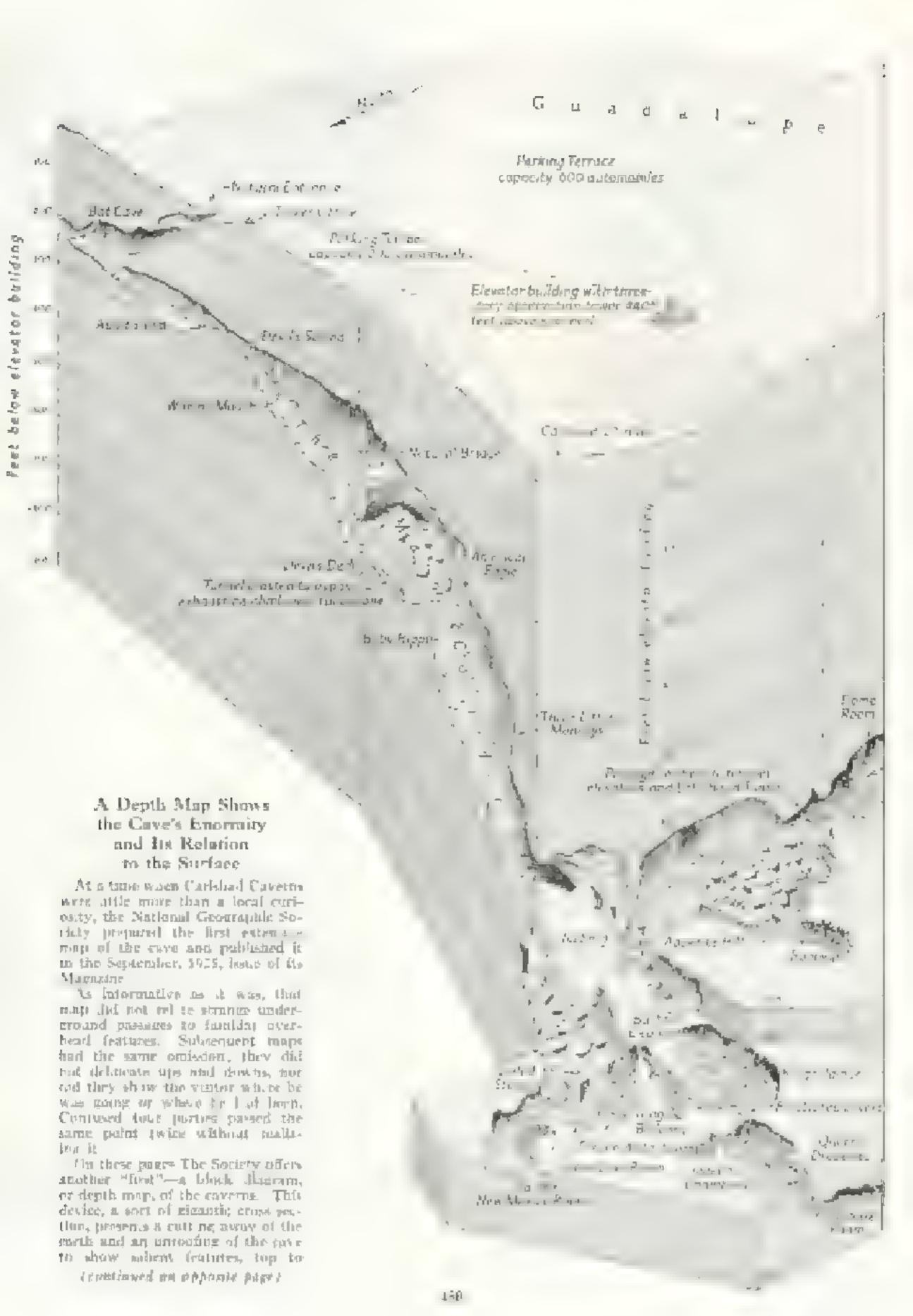
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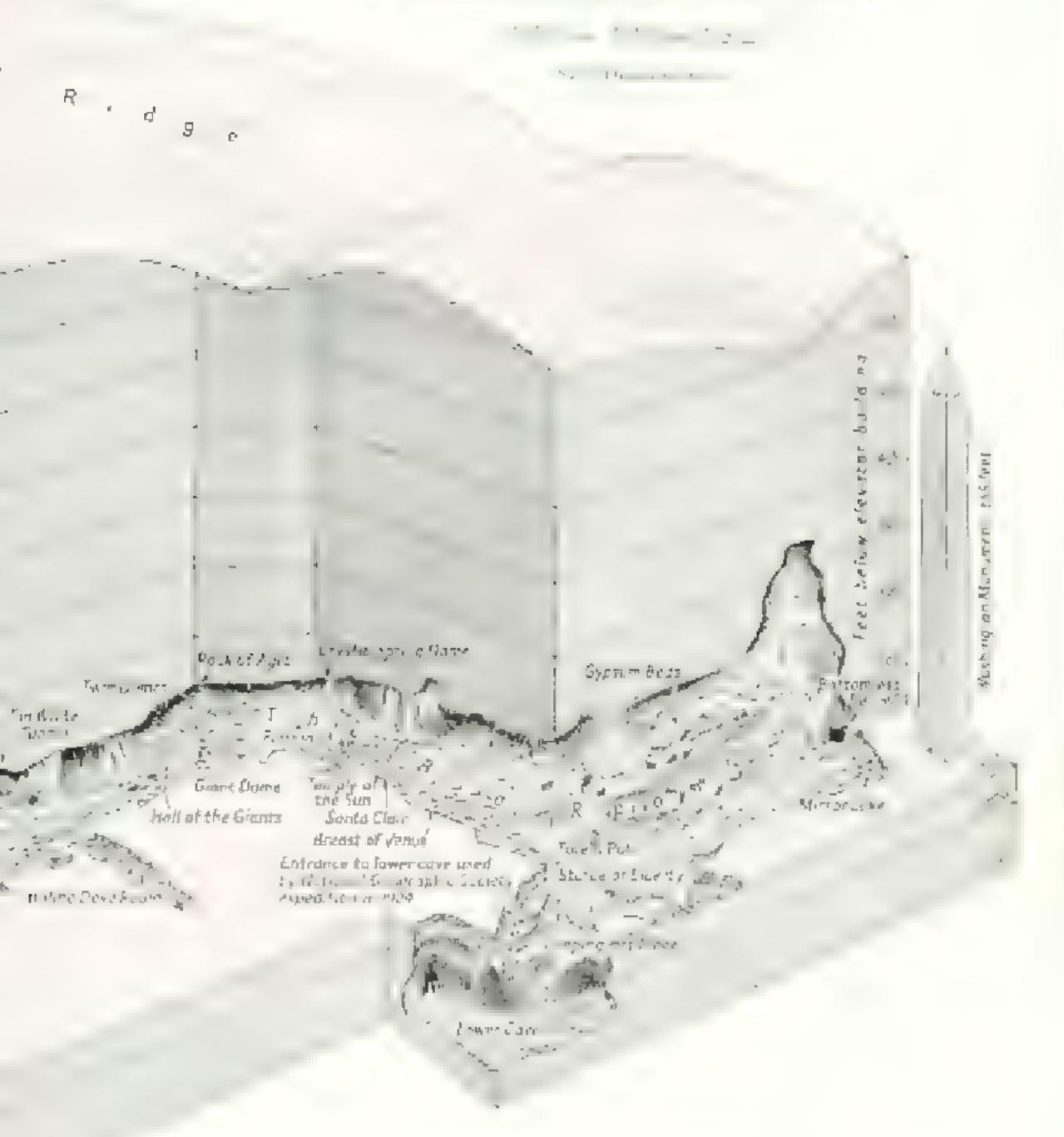
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National Geographic cartingrapher Walter Morrison prepared the diagram. To get nevarate three on elevations, he made his own threshirenells. I say takes three, hand leve, and dispatent, he ander, depths of cavero floors and heights of critices to existing flat mays. At all, where the training of the control of the contr

set at a slightly different less opening to compensate for error in calculating the amount of light.

As the park's floodlights were turned off, plunging the cave into darkness. It is manufed a steplidder and opened the shutters. He had to memorize the position of every camera so as not to tip it out of line.

When Helm gave the command, "One, two, three, fire." handreds of bulbs crackled. Light as startling as I ghtnlog, butted the caveros in a blindling, crucible glow for one-thirtieth of a second. When darkness reigned again, Helm closed the shifters. But the Joh was not ended: every bit of debres had to be

cleared from public sight.

"Nothing seems natural down here," Helm told me, "The caverns are another world, Distances are deceiving; so are the angles of light and houses. Some stones masorh the flash; others reflect it. Just when we think we have things figured out, along comes a new problem like afterglow in some rocks to anock out all our calculations and burn up sections of partners,"

Cave "Orphans" Coo and Howl

On the surface, gargies and yells from dezens of assorted infants introduced me to the Cavern Supply Company's day nursery, which takes date of the liter too young to accompany parents on the foor-hour tour underground. Order children were attending on ce-mean party when I walked by hapies in order were sucking bottles.

"Ine young ones cause little trouble outside scores of disper changes dady," said Mrs Lila Havey, the matron in charge, "but a few of the four-year-olds try to tear the

bouse down

'Most of our children cry when parents leave them, but learning to have fun in one another's company, they weep again, when

mamma and paga take them away.

Our eldest, 92 years, was a gran lenother too trail to explore the caverns. Later i got a letter from her, "That day with the children was the happiest of my life," sae wrote "

Visitors' pets are guarded in kennels close by. They have included ungs, cuts, monkeys,

a deodorized skunk, and a hon cal-

"Once we kept a hen that had traveled 3 030 miles by car," Mrs. Haney said, "Tongue hanging out in the heat, she arrived wrapped in a wet town, "He careful with her," said her mistress. "She is our only barry, and we had no one to leave her with at home."

One day tour leader John Patterson borrawed a pickup truck and drove me to New Cave, or Slaughter Cave, one of 30 known caverus within the park. New Cave cannot much the size or beauty of Carlsbad Caverns, but several formations are more spectacular Wild and exhausting trails to the cave keep it

shit to public view,

It was the first day of spring, and a 40-mile wind kicked up clouds of dast from place, lands in Black River Valley. Presing Rattlesnake Springs, where an artesian flow creates an oasis. Mr. Patterson drove into the foothills of the Guadalupes and parked beneath an abandoned guano boist. Steel calles ray up a mountain to the rocuth of the cave. As the rusting muchinery could not give us a lift, we took off on foot. Loose rocks and Mi-degree grades left us panting.

Unlocking the steed door, Patterson and I switched on our flashes and descended into the gloon. We sturnlied across guano deposits a yard thick and who knows? perhaps a nullion years old. Miners had left callies morred to massive stalageates.

At a branching of the tunnel we came upon a pillar more enormous than ear in the main coverns. We estimated its beight as 100 feet, and Patterson, thrace stretching out six feet of arms, demonstrated that its diameter was more than 18 feet. Photod diaperies reconstrated the column from teiling to floor Topped, they responded like organ pipes.

A few paces beyond we examined the Chinese Wall, a series of wavy stone leves a few inches high. Wall within wall, they suggested the concentric fortifications of a

medeval alty.

A we explored farther, each fartstep procaused a hellow bounding sound. Our dramhead was a thin layer of flowstone former, above clay long since washed away.

Another turnel revealed the Uhristmas. Tree, a stalagment glittering with crystals.

Using New Cave a awt-tome settings, movie makers filmed some cavern sequences of King Salaman's Manet, a story of Mries.

Caverns Earn a Profit for U. S.

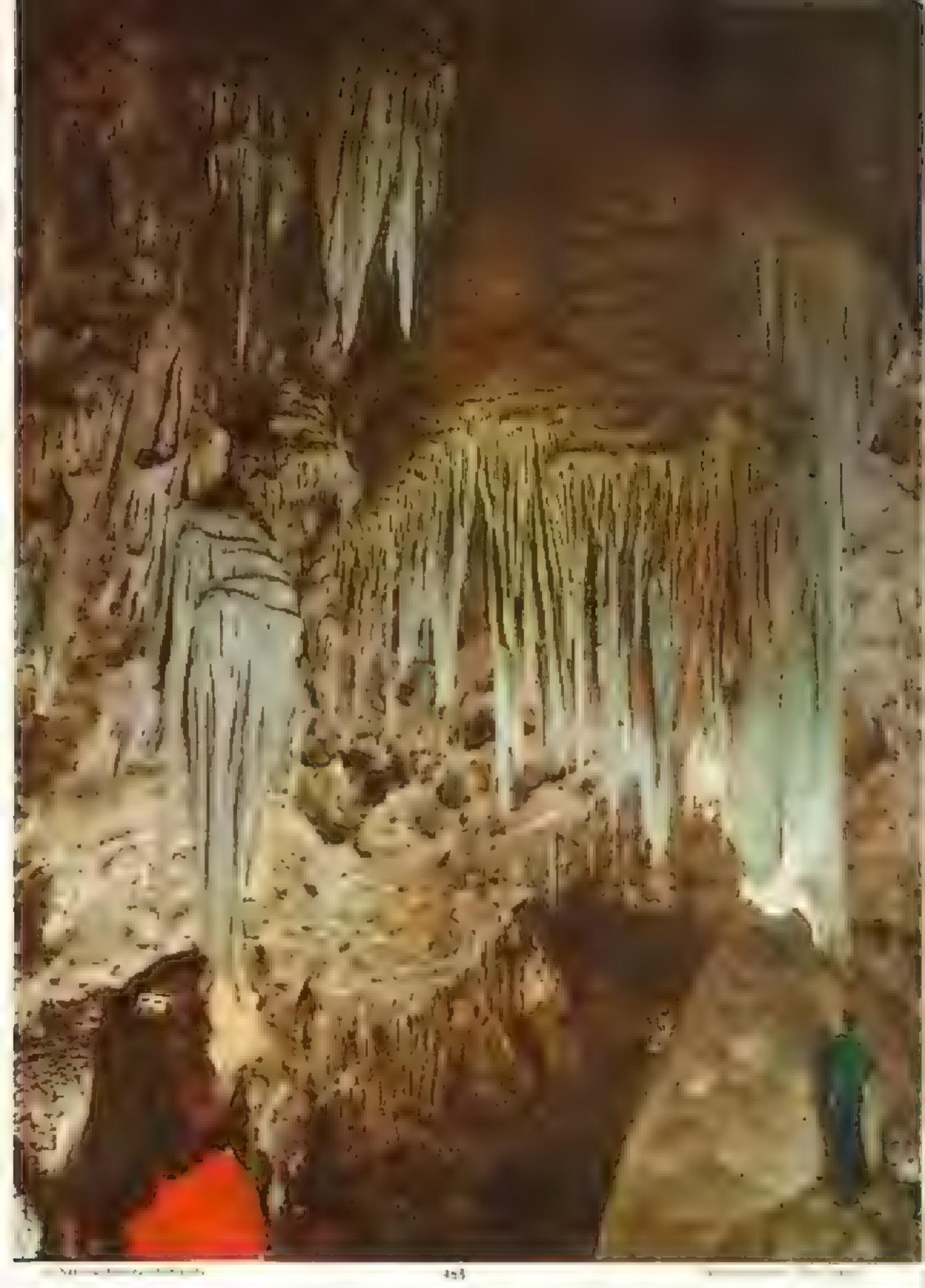
Returning to park headquarters, I had a final talk with the superintendent, R. Taylor Hockins

"Making money is not the main objective of a national park," he said, "but it doesn't burt. In fiscal '53 we received an appropriation of \$258,000 and returned about \$475,000 to the U.S. Turasury.

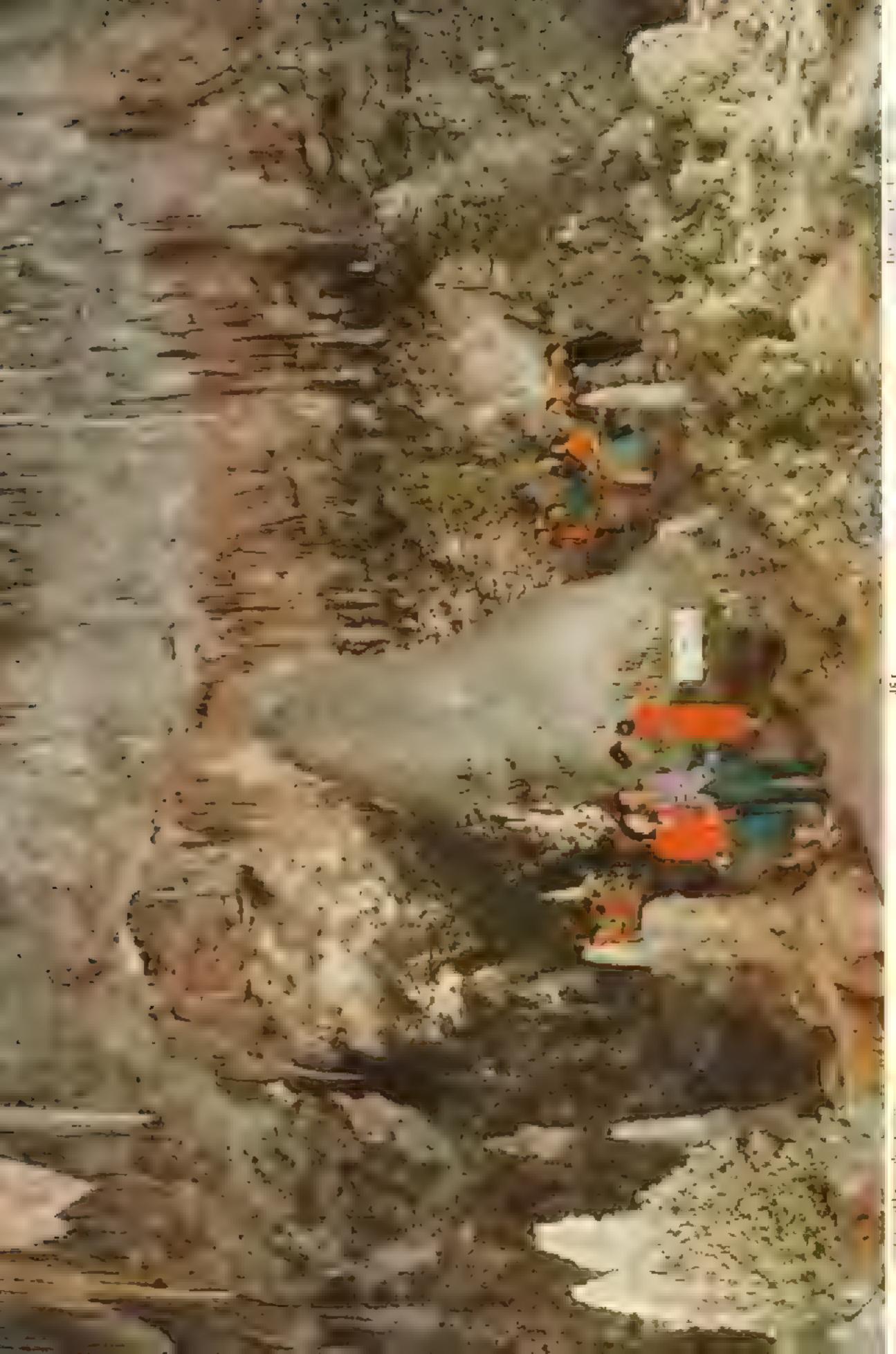
"From 1946 to 1953 the park had almost three million paid visitors. I have overheard many of them say, "It was the best

\$1,20° I ever spent."

"If Carisbad's popularity continues to increase, I visualize the time when we shall have to extend trips and the night. In the fature we may open New Case, making the park a 2-day tour."



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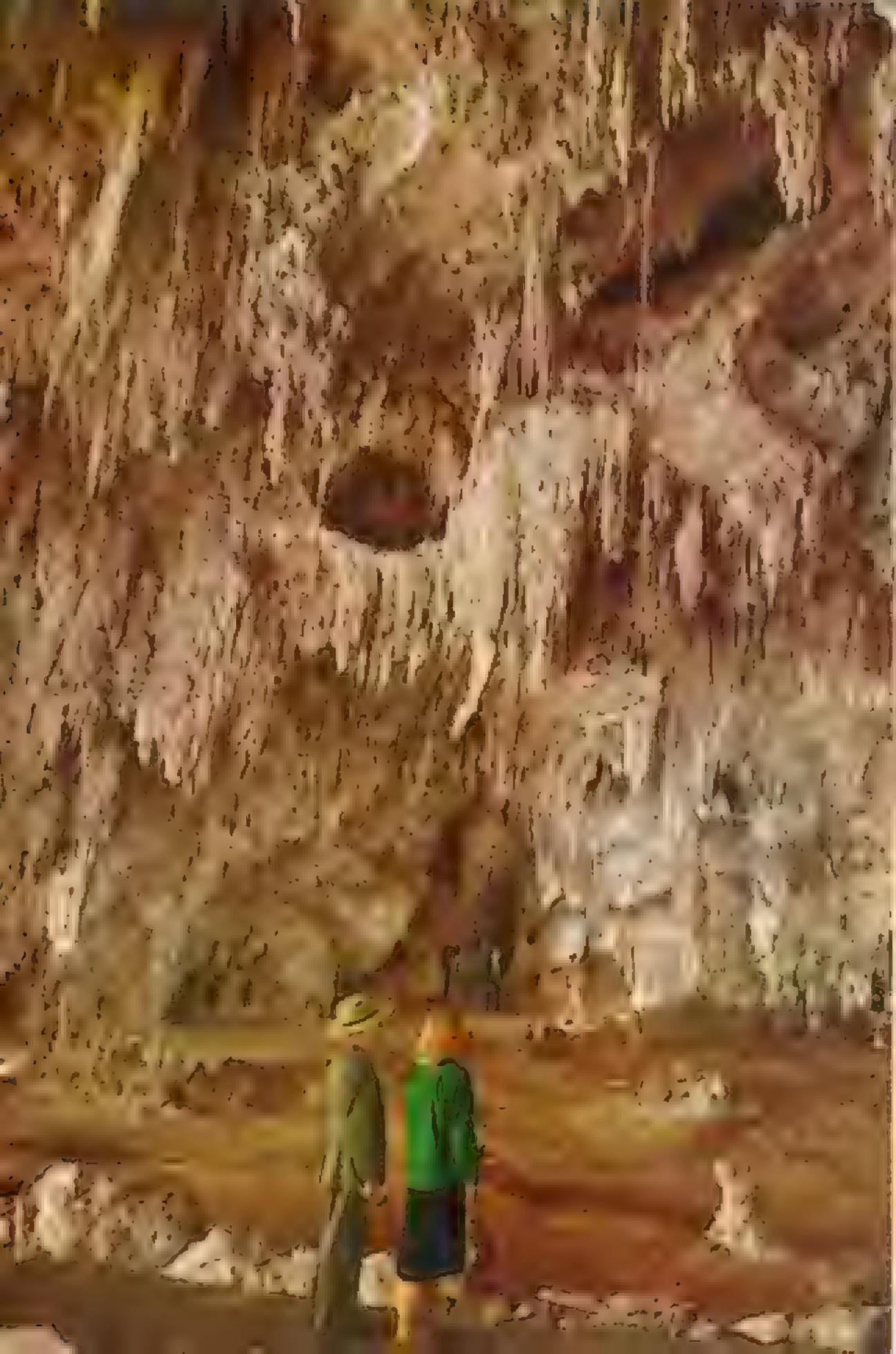
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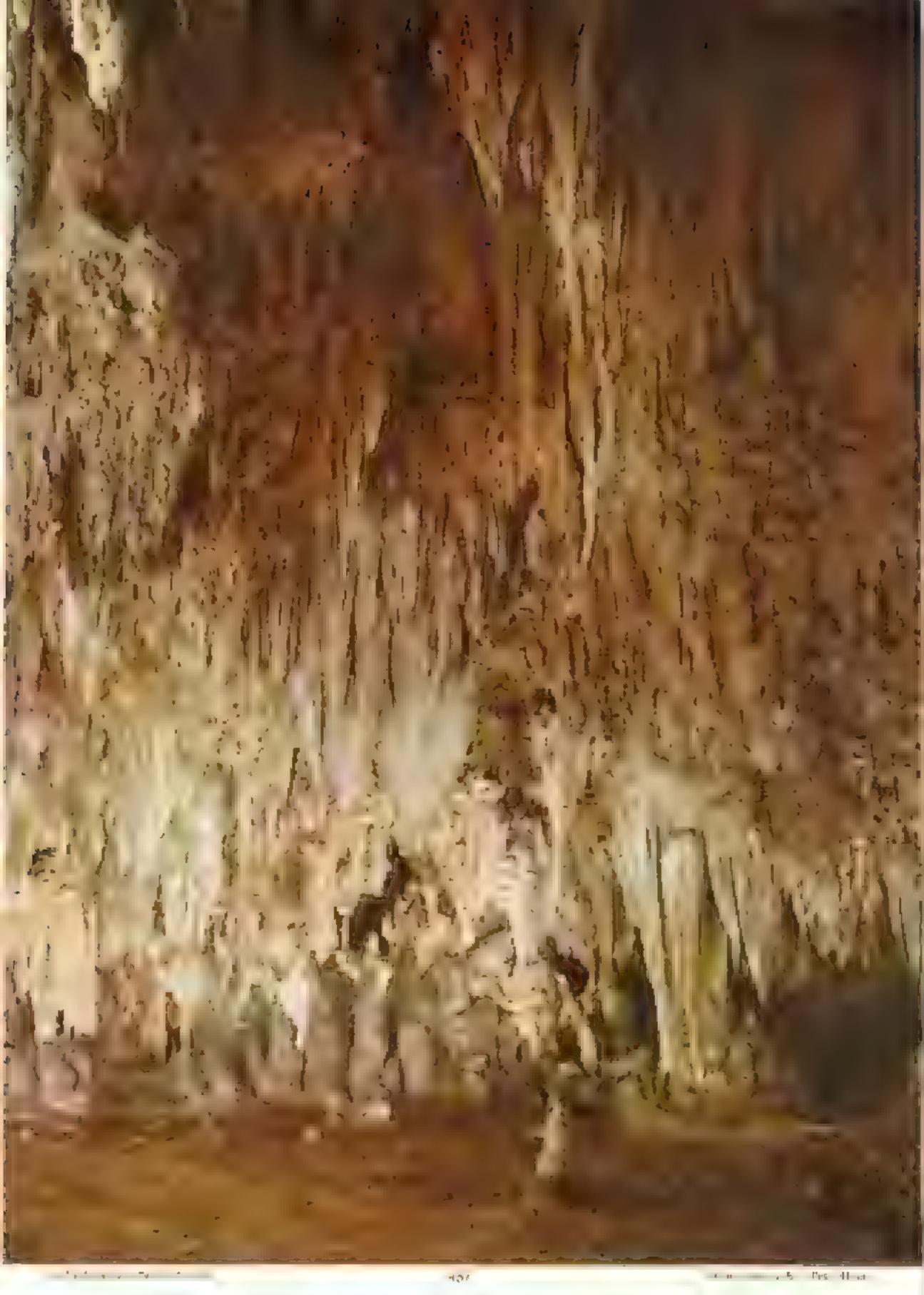
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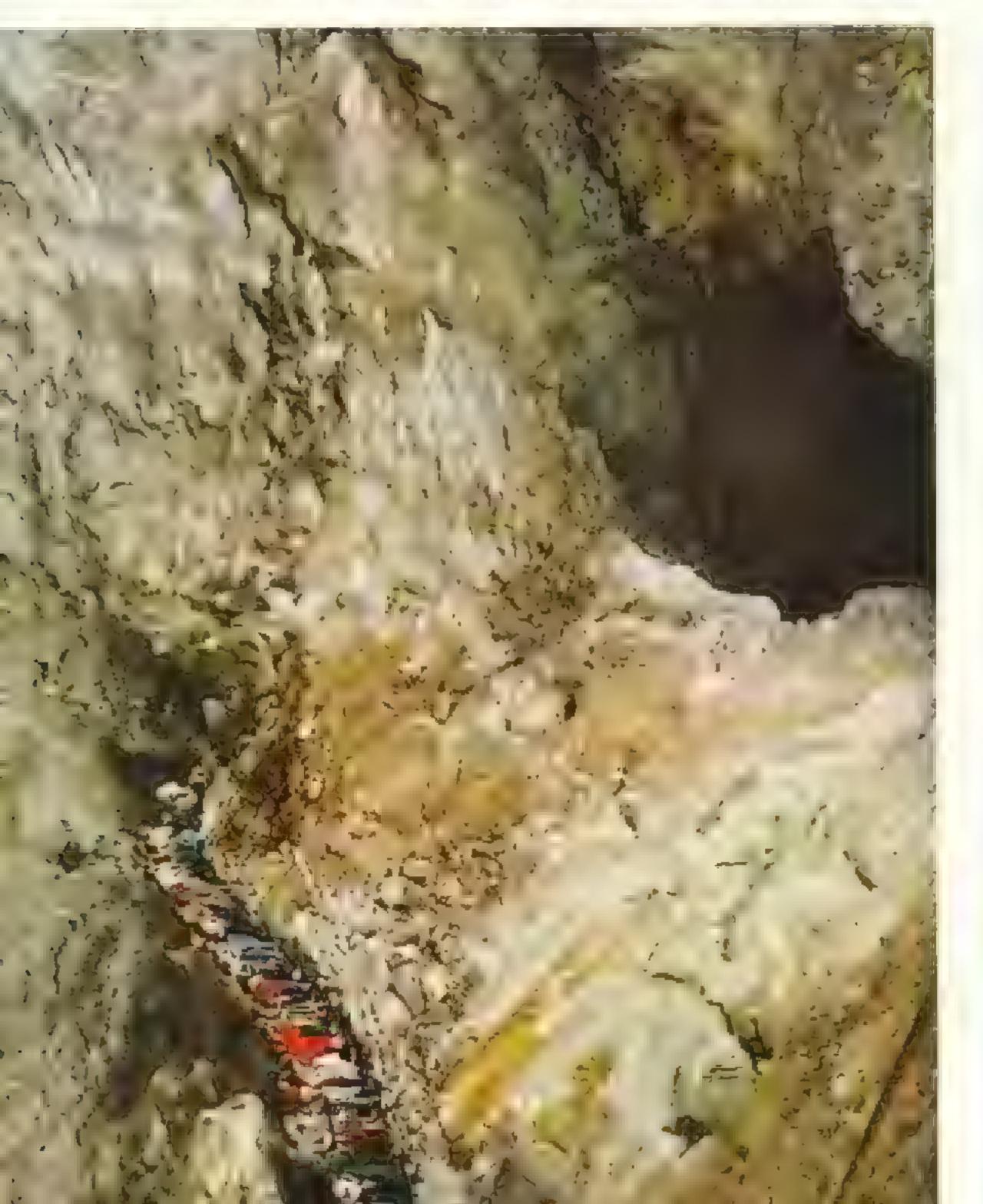
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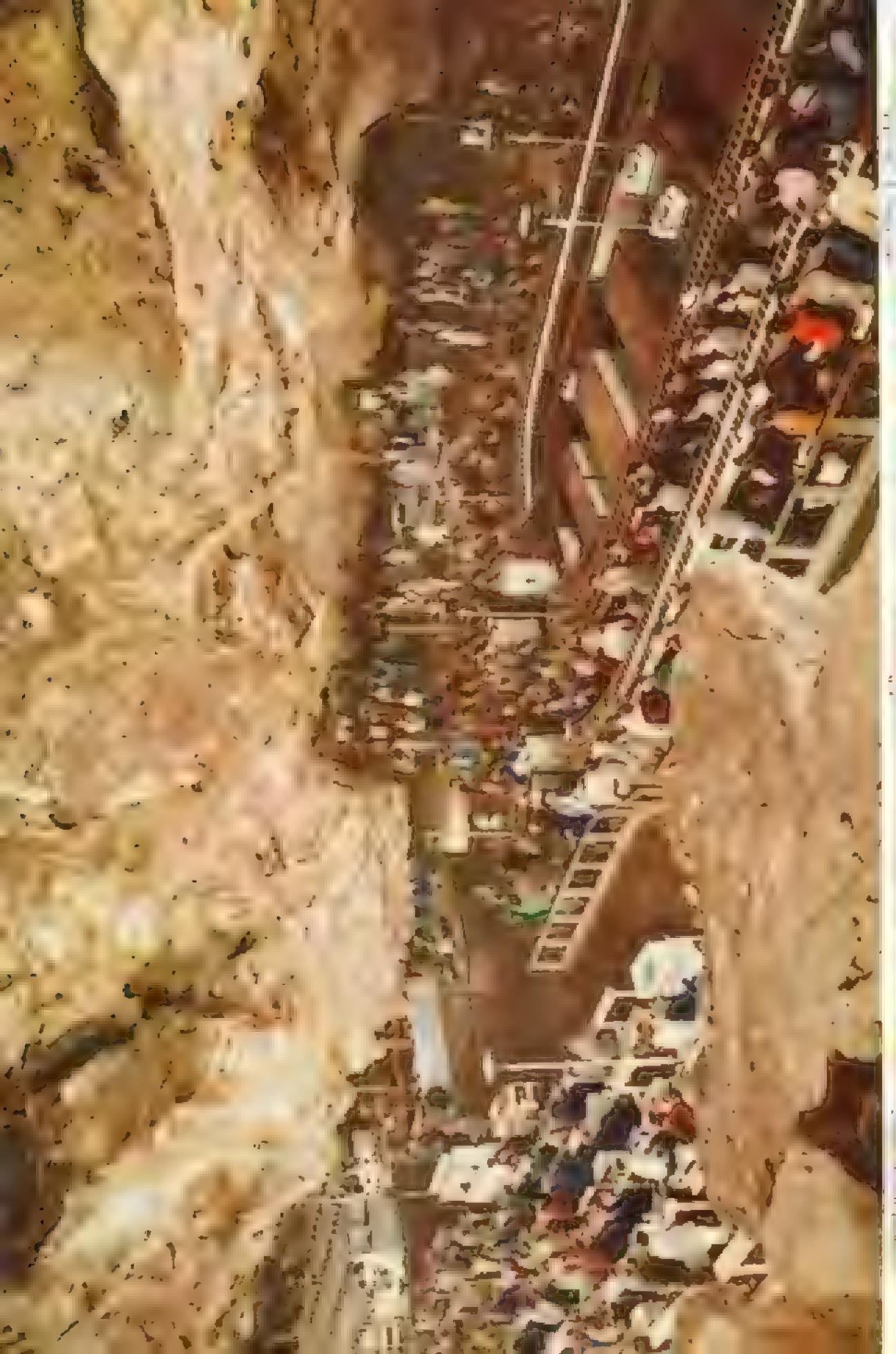
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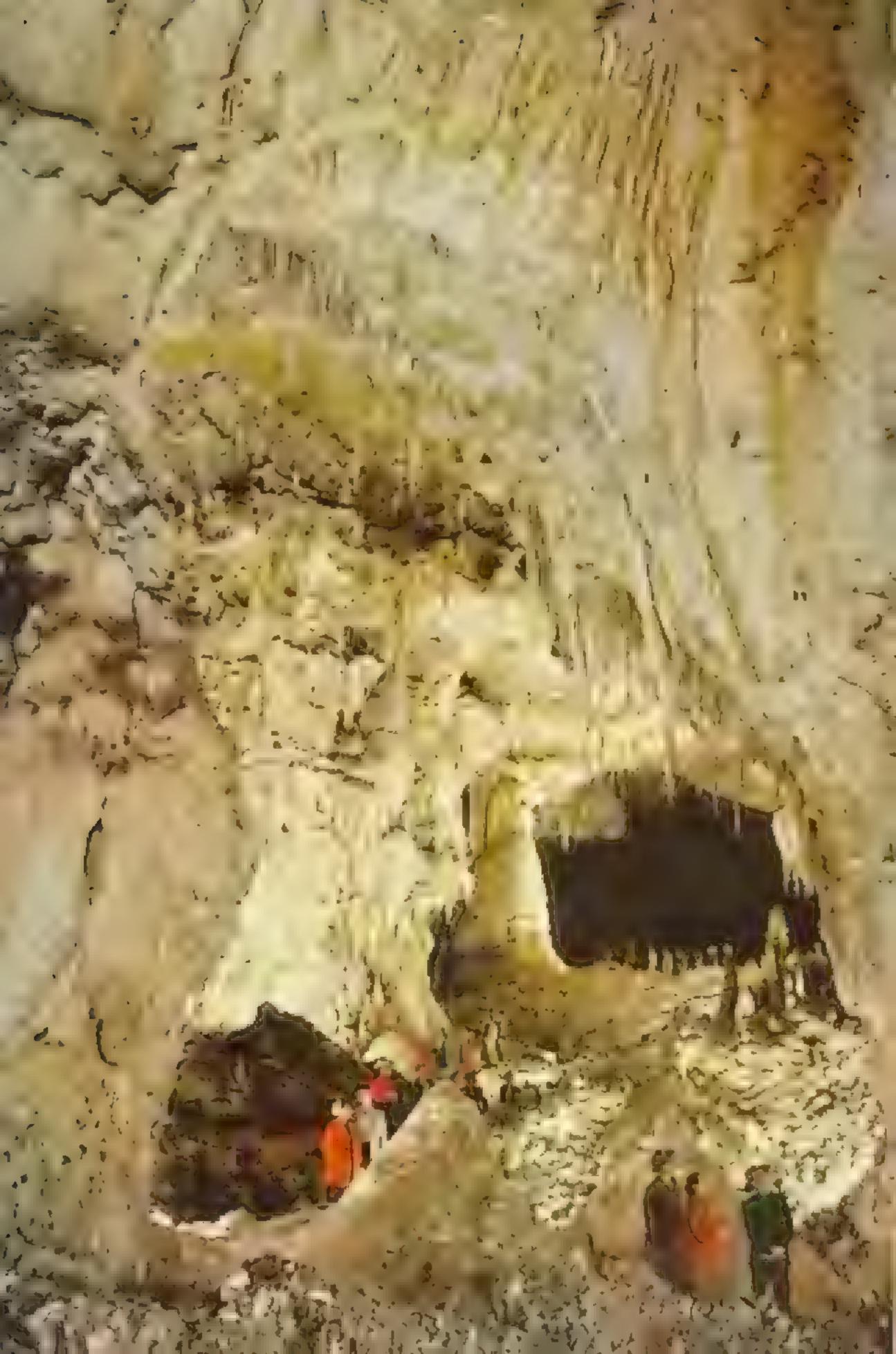
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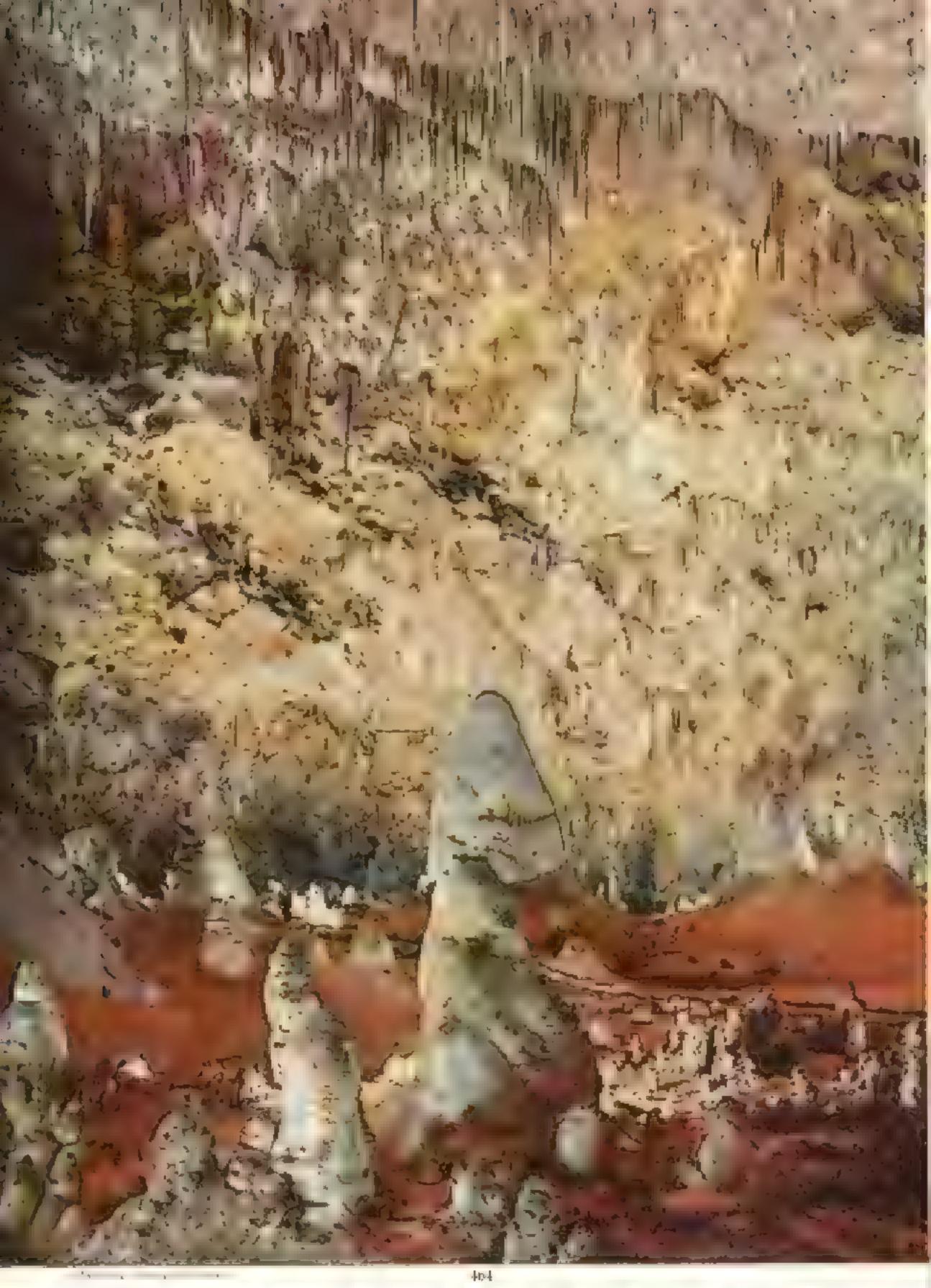
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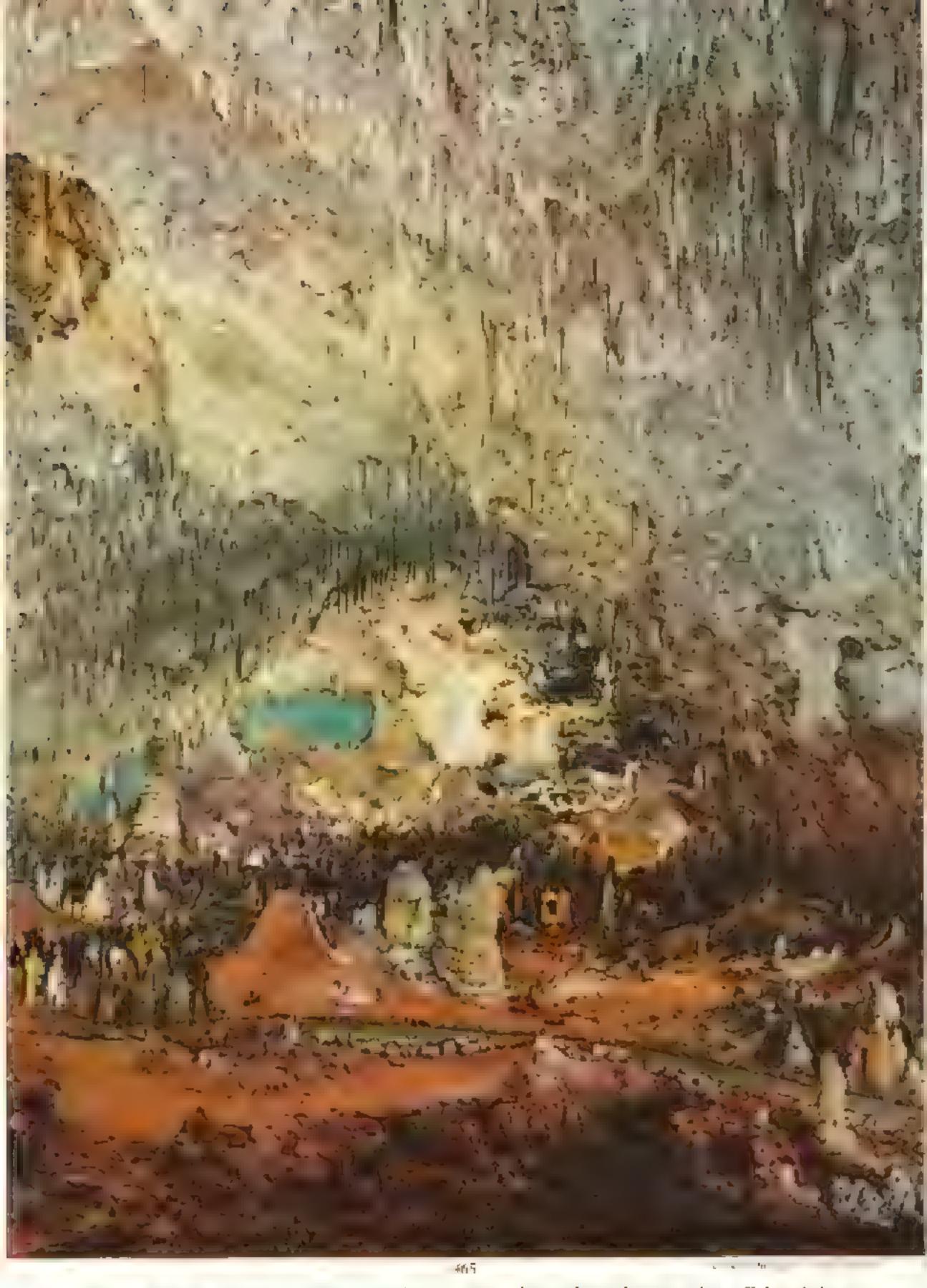
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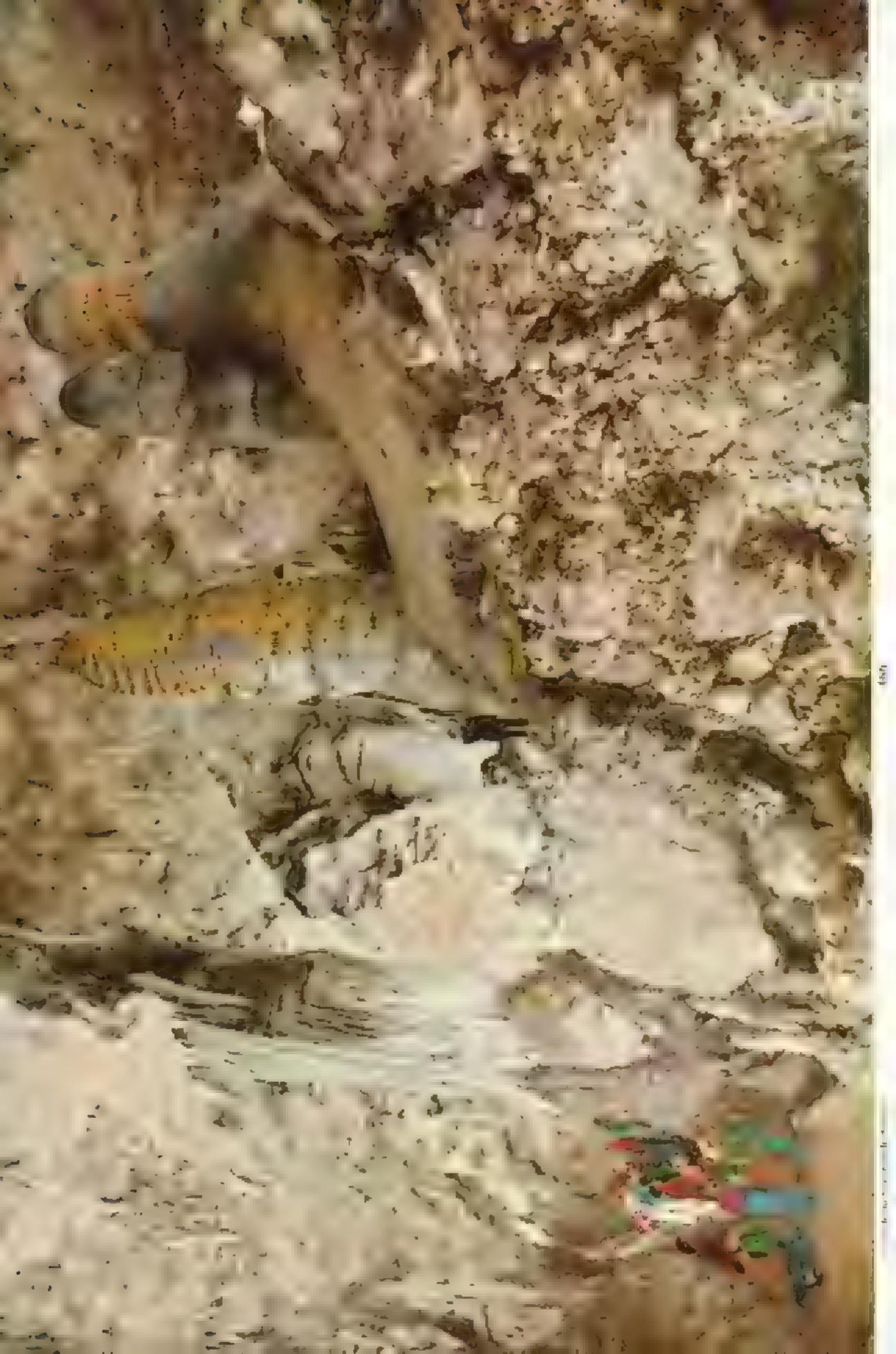
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BY GUBERT GROSTENOR AND THOMAS W. MCKNEW

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Attic space the six men and their sledges crawled, dark specks on the sedges crawled, dark specks on the was bitter, with an edge of frozen steel. They dimbed each pressure ridge fearful of finding on the other side the open lead of inky-black water that would spell, at the least, a costly letour; at worst, defeat (page 484).

They were lucky. Only one great lead coased much delay; no blickerds pinted them down; with temperatures rising to 15° below, their dog teams recled off nearches of 25 to 40 miles a day over the slick sea ice. On April 6, 1909, after 37 days of continuous sledging from Cape Calumbia, Comdr. Robert E. Peary, U. S. Nucy, and his men reached their long-sought goal. For the first time in history men slood at the earth's spex, the North Pole.

Inevitably we thought often of this pallant band when, last May, we retraced by plane Communder Peary's coute to immortality. We bad been invited by the United States Air Force to accompany a routine staff visit to corthern bases. The Air Force periodically performs such missions to acquaint high-ranking officers with problems of supply and operations. Many airmen have flown across the Pole since Lt. Condr. Richard Evelyn Byrd and Floyd Bennett in their little mone plane blazed the first sky path in 1926. Rut for us the journey had peculiar significance.

Society Long Interested in Pole

The National Geographic Society, since its founding in 1888, has followed actively the successive assaults against this grim objective. It has supported many expeditions, placed all its curtographic and technical resources at the service of Arctic explorers, and cooperated fully with the United States Government's polar research. Its staff has developed special apparatus (such as the Bamstead sun compass, forerunner of the astrocompass) for high-altitude navigation. Some ninety articles about life at the top of the world have been published in The Society's otheral journal, the National Geographic Magazine,?

Moreover, one of us [Grosvepor] had enjoyed the inspiring friendship of all the great
Yeath, becomes, from Admiral George W. Melville, U. S. Navy, and General A. W. Greek,
U. S. Army, to Nansen, Feary, Amundsen,
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Name's Especiation of 1853-1855 (page 474).

On that May marning, as our huge lourengined C-54 flew poleward, we looked down upon the plassy park ite with profound respect and humility. We knew well the lives, the agony, the treasure, the hone-weary efforts which, for more than 500 years of exploration, had been poured into the campaign to reach latitude 90 \

Much Plenning Behind Flight

Yet here we were, craising at 9,800 feet in a warm cabin, leaping in a matter of minutes huge expanses of ite which had cost l'eary and his fo lowers many a long day's painful trek (page 471). But it was not that simple, for behind our flight were many menths of planning and the efforts of a fine crew carefully selected for expenence in Arctic flight.

At 12.28 n.m. on May 13 we took off from Indrews Air Force Base near Mashington, D. C. Our objectives were mult ple; we wanted to see with our own eves the bewindering white world about which explorers and artists have rayed; to study the colorful tooks and chils riving above the snow; and to see the i-e field at the Pole itself,

Our plane was outfitted with banks, galley, refrigerator, and other amenities. It is a sonnel were from Headquarters, I > 4 in from the Air Force's far flung Military Air Transport Service.

Just before take-off our flight steward, Setzeant flow-shulder, inicied us on emergency ditching procedures and gave us a short parachate drill.

"If we get in trouble up north," he sail, "we'll try to bring the plane down. But outs are risky, you're likely to get pretty widely separated, and we can't carry down a tenth as punch equipment as we have on hourd

*See "First Flight to the North Pole," by Lt Comde, Richard Evelya Build, National, Grisonapper Management, September, 1976

ther other articles on the Arctic, see the two-

The instruction in the Top of the World Ellent, In addition to the authors, were: Got John T. Shields (IIQ. USAF), commander of the flight; Col Paul IIIQ. USAF), commander of the flight; Col Paul IIQ. USAF); Col. M. A. H. ther (USAF). It is the most of the flight Commander. Capt. Donald English to Itali commander. Capt. E. W. Hack (USAF), toxicator; Copt. Elavid A. Beach (USAF), I'dar berimator of North Pile leg; T'Set E. E. Tool, engineer; T. Set E. E. Satulta, engineer S. Set J. E. Cabilla, radio operator; A. To Richard I Fickett ratio operator on North Pole leg. S. Set L. H. Hi decoublet, flight atomic



A Lonely Shaft Overlocks Buffin Bay; P Stunds for Peary and the Pole

Finances by Admiral Pearly's lamily, the 60 host whos was erected on Cape York, Greenland, by a 1433 expertition had by Cape Robert A. Bartlett one of France's aldes on the 1969 or the tracked the North Pote. The act of the passed over the memorial to route from Newl via. and to the United States Air Force Rays at Thate, 60 miles to the north (may, page 4).

Basides, the plane makes a good rescue marker in itself. On the other hand, if the ice is too hummonky to tisk crash landing, we'll just have to abandon ship. Then you'll each straggour individual survival kit to your chute and hit the sid.

We soon tarned in and, with only a few minutes of turbulence as we flew through race equally over Long Island, New York, slept placifily tell dawn.

Newfoundland Base First Stop.

Never Scotia.* Not till we somed over Cabot Strait did the undereast yield, disclosing the French islands of Miqueton and St. Pierre, last North American tragments of a once broad empire, and Plutenth Bay, where President Franklin D. Roosevelt and Prime Minister Wieston Churchill met to drift the Atlantic Charter abound the ill-fated British battleship Prime of Winter.

In Newfoundland we touched down at the Royal Canadian Air baree Base of Torbaviust north of St. John's, and matured to the USAF's Pepaerreal Base beauquarters, where our hosts had official by smess

Sonn Mr. R. B. Herrier, president of the St John's Avening Telegram, appeared with a corand a friendly invitation to visit Brigus, some 40 no est distant, home tawn of the late Captalcobert. A. Bartlett, Peary's second-in-command and Hubbard Gold Medalist of the National Geographic Socient.

More interesting than Bright's stone monthment to the great skipper proved to be the surviving Bartletts. Within the house Bub built for his mother she had set uside a room especlaffy to display mementos of his remarkable career. Here Bob's brother, B.i. (hardy as a pine knot) regaled the company with tendbiscences of C. ptain Bob's salty adventures.

Back at the air base plans were made for an early take-off. At 6:30 am, we zoomed off the runway. Our goal: Thide, 2,041 miles away. A dog-leg took its aver Gander; then we headed for a radio bearon on the Greenland coast—RWS, an Air Force installation near H. Isteinsborg, better known to World War II ferry pilots as Blate West 8.

Persistent undercost blanked out our gaze all the way to Thule, except for a few miles down Davis Strait. But on our maps we could check off landmarks of polar exploration as we flew invisibly at 9,500 to 10,000 feet.

* See * Sasty Nova Scotia," by Anglew H. Renten, Nath you Groundship Managers, May, 1940

*Servicing Acone Authores," May 1990, and "Greenund from 1894 to Now." July, 1990, both by Capt Reflect A. Bartlett



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L'inter the North Atlantic Treaty a part was signed by Denmark and the United States conterning the retense of Greenland—a modul

of international conperation,

To put mustle into that pact, the l'acted States in the spring of 1951 sent a small army of skilled workmen north to I hale. Army engineers and transportation units, teamed with civilian tractor drivers, contractors, stevedores, carpenters, and arch texts, invoted North Star Harbor in what was called Operation blue Jay, or "Normandy-on-ice." All manner of equipment came with them—a 29,000-page of power shows, 100-text earth compacters, buildnesses by the score, and a mannoth sea-water destillation unit.

Working around the clock in eight-hour shifts through the continuous daylight of two summers, these men baid out a 10,000-feat airstrip and a 480-acre town thockablock with fuel tanks, hangurs, berracks, offices, warehouses, tadio installations, a huge gyro.

Weather was the main enemy.

Temperatures sink so low in Thule that steel and rubber get brittle. Cold storage lockers have to be heated, and engines kept running continuously; water must be de-

livered by truck, not pipe.

All buildings except the hangars are constructed with a three-hoot air space beneath them, both to let the snow blow through without poling up and to prevent the floor's warmth from melting the ground's top layer of permatrost. Light structures, mounted on stilts, must be anchored with concrete weights to keep them from blowing away.

Baseball in the Icebox League

Construction still goes on at Thule, but life is less strenuous than in the first last tic years. Ball teams such as the Frigid Digits, the Little Silerians, the Pie-eyed Pipers, and the launtity unit's Wet Sox compete he summer games which may be called on account of expansion but never on account of darkness. Bowling teams were in full action while we were there.

Other workmen off duty tead the Glacier Consider, untilde a basketball in the gyna, try out for the give club, or listen to Thule's radio

station &OLD.

A base reporter, waxing enthusiastic over the number of arctic flowers which employees had grown, asked editorially: "What's Hawain got that Thale hasn't?" One answer might be: women. We saw only two on the whole post the wife of the Hanish Linson Officer and an American Red Cross Gray Lady

While Council Shields and the others attended to their official duties, we dined in the officers' club on reast Long Island darkling and a delicious pastry and took to our beds. We slept well, but only after darkening all the windows against the circling sun. In a few hours we roused conselves and, at 5:38 a. m., took off for the North Pole. Clouds gave way to brilliant sunshine, and, as we crossed have Basin to Washington Land, we could see clearly for a good 25 railes in any direction.

Our notice passed directly over Fort Conger, where Lt. A. W. Greely had passed two most successful years directing the United States Government magnetic and meteorological station. This was one of 13 circompolar stations that 11 nations had established to make synchronous observations in 1882—the first instance of international cooperation in scientific field research that we know,

Unly Seven Men Survived

His work completed and no telief supply ships having arrived by the appointed time. Greely took his party to Cape Sabine as per instructions previously given him, and wintered there 1883-1884. Contrary to government promises no supplies had been placed there.

arrived June 22, 1884. Greely and six others were barely alive. By her sic devotion to duty they had kept their records, instruments, and collections in good condition. Greely was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, and was the first volunteer private soldier of the Civil War to obtain the rank of brigadier general, U. S. Army,

In 1888 be was one of 15 scientists to organize the National Geographic Society which be served as devoted trustee for 47 years centimously until his death in 1935.

North of the fort we passed over Lincoln Bay where Peary but set up the first of four main caches to support his dash to the Pole Not far away we made out the suow-scraped runway of the tiny Canadian-American weather station at Alert.

Our plane let down to 5,000 feet, and the alreades sang with exchanges between our pilots and the communications personnel on the graned. No other sign of life, however, could be to the in a white waste. Alert's few lonely buildings sat numb and frezen, buried to the eaves in drifted snow.

Past Alert we cruised to Cape Colan, the thirs, cache point, near 83° N, 67° W, and thence to the fourth and foul base. Cape Colambia, Peary's lost landfall between the North American Continent and the Pole (page 477). Here at 5,000 teet we circled, trying to spot the caim of stones and sledge planks which Peary exected here. In the featureless mustle of snow we could discern nothing—through several days before, as it turned out, a pair of Camerian scientists.



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trekking overland from Alert had ocated the cairn and recovered some of Peary's original records and a piece of the Flug of the United States that he had left on his unsuccessful dash to the face in 1906.

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forms a bampy basin, which averages about 12 000 feet in depth but has came a few sea mounts and valleys. Its lowest known point is alghtly more than in 000 feet; at the Pole 14.150. Tidal ranks is low.

Currents sweeping through the Arctic Ocean. have long intrigued explorers, After Lt. Cort r to W II I forestell , sites Por 1 3 Seera 1/2 35 \ (55 P) 11 [85] loss if I have beight to be part of a witchinge were wo test up three years Liter on Greenland's smathern coust, at the other sub- at the Arctic (map, page 472).

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Pole. Allowing his ship From to be frozen in the pack kee at about the point where frozentic went down, he stayed abourd until it was carried 314 miles closer to the Pole. Then he struck out with Johansen on their nearly disastrous march to 86° 14° in 18°5. The From drifted as far as 85° 57° and reacted Norway safety under the guidance of

Sverdrup.

Later, casks specially designed by Adm. George W. Melville and Henry G. Bryant were released in 1899 at Paint Barrow, Alaska, and the Bering Strait and drifted west of Spitsbergen, presumably having passed within a few degrees of the Pole. One was found in largued in 1908, and another in Norway in 1908. More recently, discovery of fresh-water he islands that may in the Arctic ice pack has given scientists an excellent opportunity to plot the general mayement of polar currents.

It is now known that the main circulation of Arctle water is northward from String Strait to a little beyond the Pole. Mete part of the current flows south through the Greenland Sea. The rest curves almostly right and sweeps the nurthern coast of Greenland and the Cara lian archipelago. Reaching the Beaufort Sea porth of Alaska, it turns right and rejoins the flow out of Bering Strait.

The ice islands thus far beated have been rotating around the Fole in this roughly cit-cular current at about one mile per day; a complete circuit takes from five to six years.

A View of fee Island T-3

It was thrilling to look down on the most farmus of these islands, T-3, about one hour's light from Cope Columbia. Only a few months earlier we had had the pleasure of working with Lt. Cot. Joseph O. Fletcher, USAF, on his article, "Three Months on an Arctic Ice Island," published in the National Geographic Magazine for April, 1953.

Darker, thicker, and tougher than the soft, automoding pack ice, This great frozen plat form showed up sharp and clear. Four by nine miles in size and weighing some four billion tous, it is a monstrous fragment of shelf ne torn from the primerdial cap which once rovered Elfesmere. Two other buge chunks that broke off from the same ice foot bave become point islands, too, floating across the northern seas. This drifted back to likesomere: The processed the Pole and at last report was somewhere off Greenland.

The U. S. Air Force, which discovered these vast are raits, maintains a post on T-3 for weather and geophysical research. Circling the ice island at 5,000 feet, we watched a plane take off from its resupply mission from Thale, chatted over the radio with the men below (who volunteer for four-month hitches on this

barren but meteorologically important outpost), and gazed respectfully at their little buddle of Quonset buts, oll drums, tracked wessels, and radio masts.

Pools of melted water make lancinus on T-3 hazardous during much of the Arctic summer; so aerial missions must be crammed into a few short weeks. We said good-bye over the radio to our lonely friends on T-3 and pushed on toward the Poie, 300 miles distant.

Colonel Meyer, sitting near us, glanced at the pack ice. "When you've seen one pressure ridge, you've seen 'em ad," said this veteran of 32 Polas flights. "From a hundred miles offshore to the Pole it doesn't thange a whisker. And what's the Pole itself? Just a moment in time and space."

Last Lap to the Pole

As taile after frozen mile unrecled beneath us, however, excitement in the plane mounted Noses pressed against the wind-chilled Plexiulas windows, we craned our necks to sean the dazzing white expanse of ice and water below. The sun stood at 20° above the horizon; not a cloud showed against the har. It brought to find Feary's entry in his diary when he was struggling south along the Greenland shore in 1901 with frosthitten face and food all but gone: "Man was not born to die beneath such a sky!"

Our radio operator continued to relay our position to Thule and to T-3. From our sears in the cabin we could hear the pleasant buzz of conversation, punctuated occasionally with

a spurt of laughter,

"Al seems pretty coty compared to our early flights up here," sighed Colonel Meyer. "We used to barrel along at 18,000 feet in complete radio silence for hours, just tapping a key to maintain contact with Point Barrow over in Alaska. Wasn't anybody up here to talk with. And cold! We always kept the vabin temperature near freezing, so the men would have all their arctic clothing on if we ever had to come down quick. Never saw another plane, or any sign of life at all."

Five minutes from the Pole the pilots told us to get ready. We checked our comeras again, and Grosvenor went forward to the radio operator's sent in the tockpit, which had access to a small charte ordinarily used for releasing smake bombs to check drift. Charles although the The Society's beachparters had attached a steel spike to the webbing of a big National Geographic fing and rolled it so that it formed a sort of padded spear (page 471). Now, thickly confirming our position, the national cried;

"Flag away."

Down through the chute phonested The Society's banner, It was the second time it had

been planted by air on the earth's geographics. North Pole: Byrd had dropped it first the the browns that a book all as May 9, 1926. Now a new one surmounted

the globe,

To celebrate the exact moment of passing the Pale, our plane commander fand the existgency bell for a half out. Huly warned, we oid not reach for nur parachutes but simply for each other's hands. And we had reason to emeratulate ourselves; we were a sured that never had weather conditions been 50 favorable for obtaining a precise pinpoint of the Pole (pages 478, 479).

Hying into Temerrow

"We are there," the navigators stated family,

* No possible question about it."

It was a aurious beeling. For it second we had live I at the one point in the world where there is no north or east or west, but only south; where in summer the sun peither rises. mor sets.

At the time we flew over the Pole the tentperature at our elevation was 0' F.; on the surface of the polar ice, an estimated 5° F., with a wind velocity of five miles per hour.

Tarning left a bule farther on, we made at 7,500 feet a complete circummavigation of the Tole at Latitude 89" 39" N. In this short counterclockwise swing we passed through every time zone in the world and every degree of longitude. In five minutes, we had flown from Wednesday, May 20, into Thursday. May 21, and then returned to Wellnesday. when we crossed the imaginary date line a account time.

The Roman writer Tacitus felt quite certain that anyone standing near the Pole could look eastward and see Phoebus, the sun's charioteet, rise from the other side of the world. "The sound be makes on emerging from the waters can be heard," declared Tacitus, "and the form of his steers is vis. le,"

Mas for the classical view. 1 We looked in vain. The sun, poised placelly in the sky, share with a pedestrian light; no Olympian

horses urged it along its Arctic orbit.

We had been interested in the positiveness with which our navigators had announced our crossing of the Pole. Elow could they have been so sure we had not passed to the side of the other? Our magnetic compass would have been of little use, for we were well within that area around the North Magnetic Pole (which les at about 73 N, 100 W) in which the linective force is almost straight down and therefore not much be p lu controlling a borisouth inertie.

Moriera polar navigators use instead a directional gyro which malutains with reasonable accuracy whatever bearing it is set for.

Our navigators adjusted their gyro at Thule for the correct bearing, and then shocked it every half hour by taking bearings on the sun. If we had been dying in the polar night, they would have taken a ves on the stars.

The reader may ask how our priots could whole a true course in this northern area. For have all meridians (which sug north to so th). converge at the Pole, packed to classly together that an airman may scaredly have to test his crossing of one meridian before his plane has reared across another.

Again, suppose his plane is at the Pole itself and he wants to take a heading for New York. What compass bearing should be choose? You might say: due south, or 180'. But all neridinus from the 3 ole are due south. and a 180° course could land you as castly in San Francisco or Helsinki as New York.

"How do you, overcome this confusion?"

we asked Colonel Meyer.

"Well, for one thing," he said, "we draw a grid across our pelar chart. All meridians produced the model and a set of the server o one of them-say, the Greenwich metulianand let that stand for grid north. Then we draw fines para lel to the Greenwich meridant three inches apart, and measure our direction in in these lines. This gives us a simple chart un which to plat our course."

"but it doesn't solve yeur basic problems.

of direction and position, does it?"

"No, though it makes it simpler to navigate on dead reckoning. To get accurate headings and accurate fixes along the course, we have to deja from he sum and de stars. Radinalve, As an eground speed and our uritt, but it isn't much use over the pank life in determining our position, because there aren't any stalle. recognizable landmarks."

"What do you do in the twilcht weeks when the sun is below the horizon and the stars are pretty famt?"

Sky Compuss Explained

"It isn't ensy," sold Meyer. "But by means of a Plund sky compass we are able to determuse the arroraft's bearing even when the sun is 6. below the horizon. This instrument operates under a principle utilizing two pular-Ized lenses from which the direction of the source of light may be determined. Then we just keep a close theek on our ground speed, clapsed time, drift, and so forth."

"How were you able to pinpoint the Pole

on this flight so precisely?"

"Because we started the last hap from an exact fix the Ice Island I-3 - with a run of 300 mass to the Pole. What's more, we had the sun in sight all the way, to give is feequent position lines and heading thecks, and we had the pack he clearly in view below



a to check our drift and ground speed by timing. Concident, in short, just couldn't have been better.

Our plane wheeled southward headed toward Greenland. We busied ourselves writing letters to trustees and staff ment and women or the Sound, to Almiral Byrd, Common to Ma Weller, and to some open a to the Courtee long interested in Arche exploration. These messages were later flown from This to be left of Touring trully petnarked "North Pole."

Greetings to the White House

One note we addressed to the White House. It to it

In President and Mrs. Fisenburger. We send respectful greetings and best wishes from the North Pole and Island T-3. The air base at Thule is superb and, as you know we have to be the political from U.S. A. superlative (signed) Gahert Grosvenor and Thomas W. McKnew

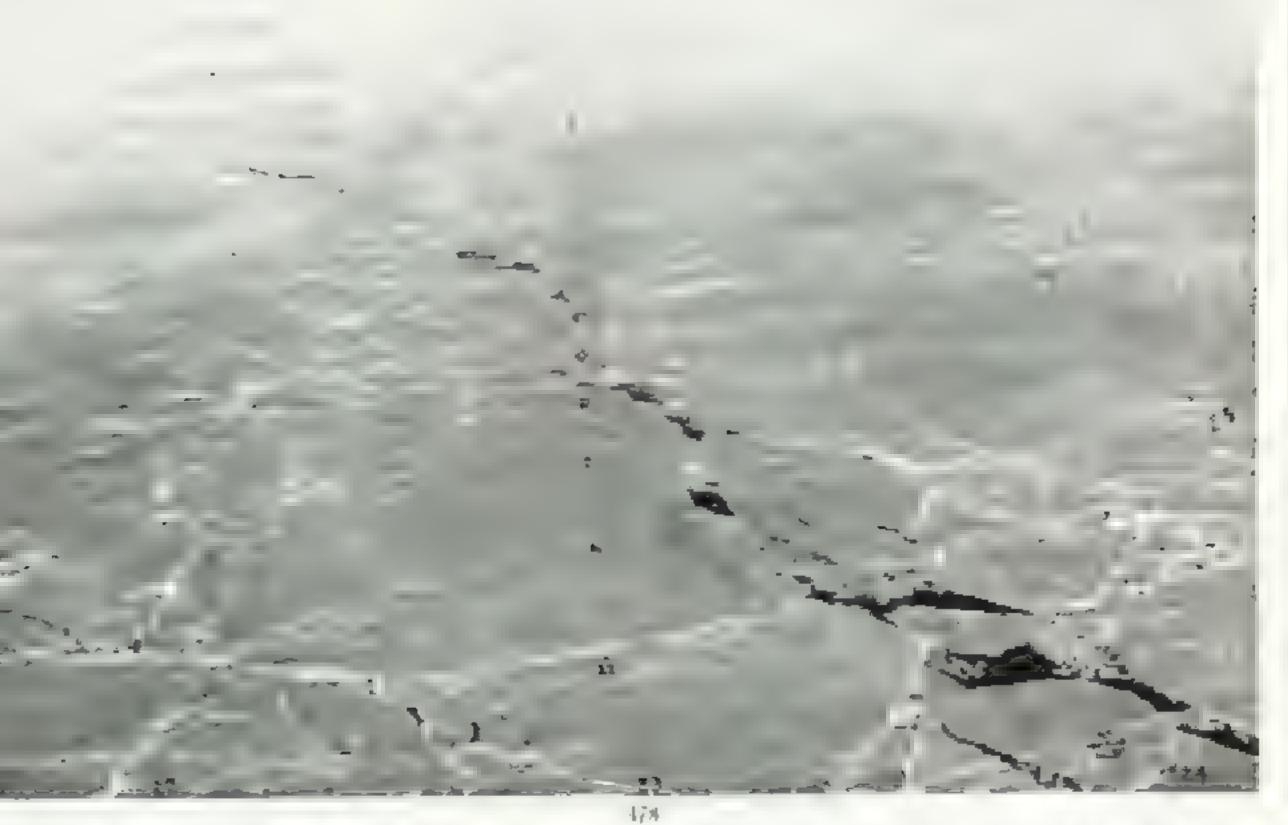
Another message we were relighted to send went to Mrs. Robert E. Peary, widow of the Admiral, and to her daughter. It arrived, as it turned out, on Mrs. Feary's 66th highlay Mrs. Peary was the first winte woman to her e

the rigors of an Arctic winter. She wintered with her husband in 18 1-1892 and 1893-1894 at 70 miles north of That. Their dearward Marie Ahnighto Peary (Stanton was to neet white child to be born as prepared to 1893) at such a high latitude.

The \$76-mile dog or we were motion was taking us a good deal nearer the so-called 'European route' to the Pole than we had been on our morthward course. To cor left, far out of sight, lay Franz Jusel Land, where Nousen had wintered after his mounteesful the upt to drift across the Pole in France

Still to our left, but nearer, node the Island of We t Spin bettern. In this frozen surface land and he was been also off on May 9, 1924 on their great mission. Three caps later Lincoln Elisworth, Rould Amundsen, a limberto Nobele in the Italian disigible Nover source off on the last leg of their flight over the Pole to Alaska.

If tempered more than four hours to make our first landfull in east Greenland, a grim little weather station called appropriately and simply "Nard". It had an airstrip, we were told, but four feet of snew still covered it when we passed overhead. Nord is accessible that ing four and a half menths of the year. For



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The convenor took 15 photographs from the window of the Air Form C-54 as it I pro circled the Pide competible knows at an average altitude of 7 500 red I page 3751. Painstakingly relating one product another be primite compation at the flore and open water, he plotted the position and anche from whath he had fracen each photograph. He was the first to bette the Pole from the air by it have photographs form all ash a later, plotting the fines of forms, he forms they met at the Pole like spoure of a which at its lab.

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the other seven and one half, the volunteers who man its three tipy buildings must shift for themselves. They can receive supplies by nickrop, but only in dire emergencies do ski-omipped aircraft risk a landing there.

From Nord we veered to star murd, crossing beautiful Independence Fjord (discovered and named by Peary on the Fourth of July 1892) and skuring the northern tip of the vast icecap (page 481). This sheet of freshwater ice, which covers nearly four-fifths of Greenland's 827,300 square miles, is reasoned that it after his voyage of 1585.

But this forbilding island drew scalaters and experient and colonists to it from the very morning of history. Eric the Red and his V kines, manning their shullow. 80-fout, square-scaled ships, headed their high props

for Greenland as early as A. D. 983. For 300 years and more Norsemen settled the country some 1,000 miles south of Thule, established nearly 200 townships, prospered—and perished

No ir in knows even new what struck them down. But by 1400 they were gone tenembered only as dim figures in the old, berois sagas. Sont tid 1576, when Martin Problisher saw Greenland's southern tip "like pianacles of steeples all covered with show," that hardpe in eyes look on Eric's chartry again.

After Probasher came Drivis, and in his wake a trio of English captains—Cumingham Knight, and Hall—value commissioned by Ling Christian IV of Denmark and Norwas to find the lost Vikhar calmists. A century after come the father of moment Greenland, Hers Paul Egece, who founded in 1721 I have camp from which Denmark's chain of settlements would showly grow



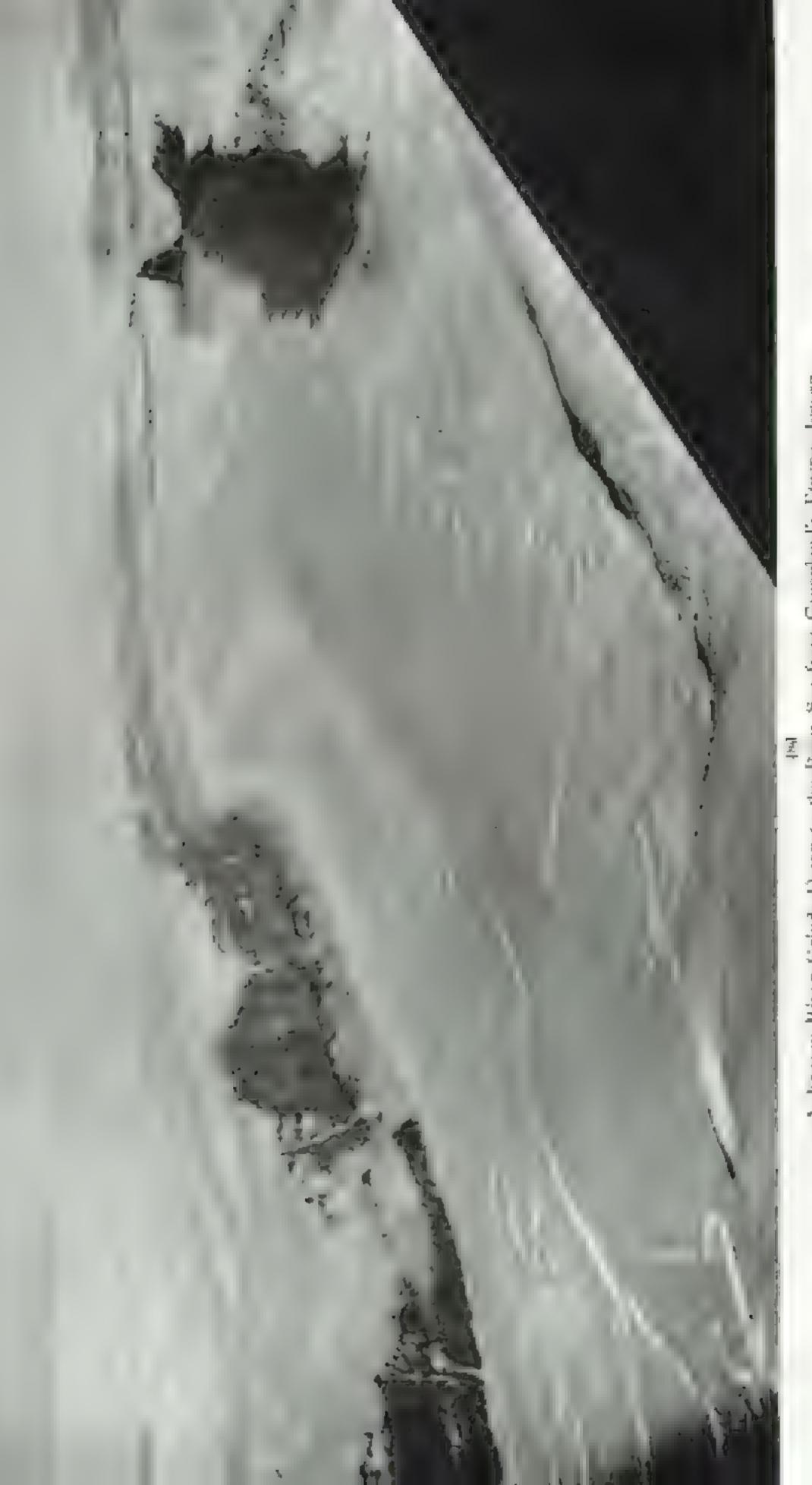
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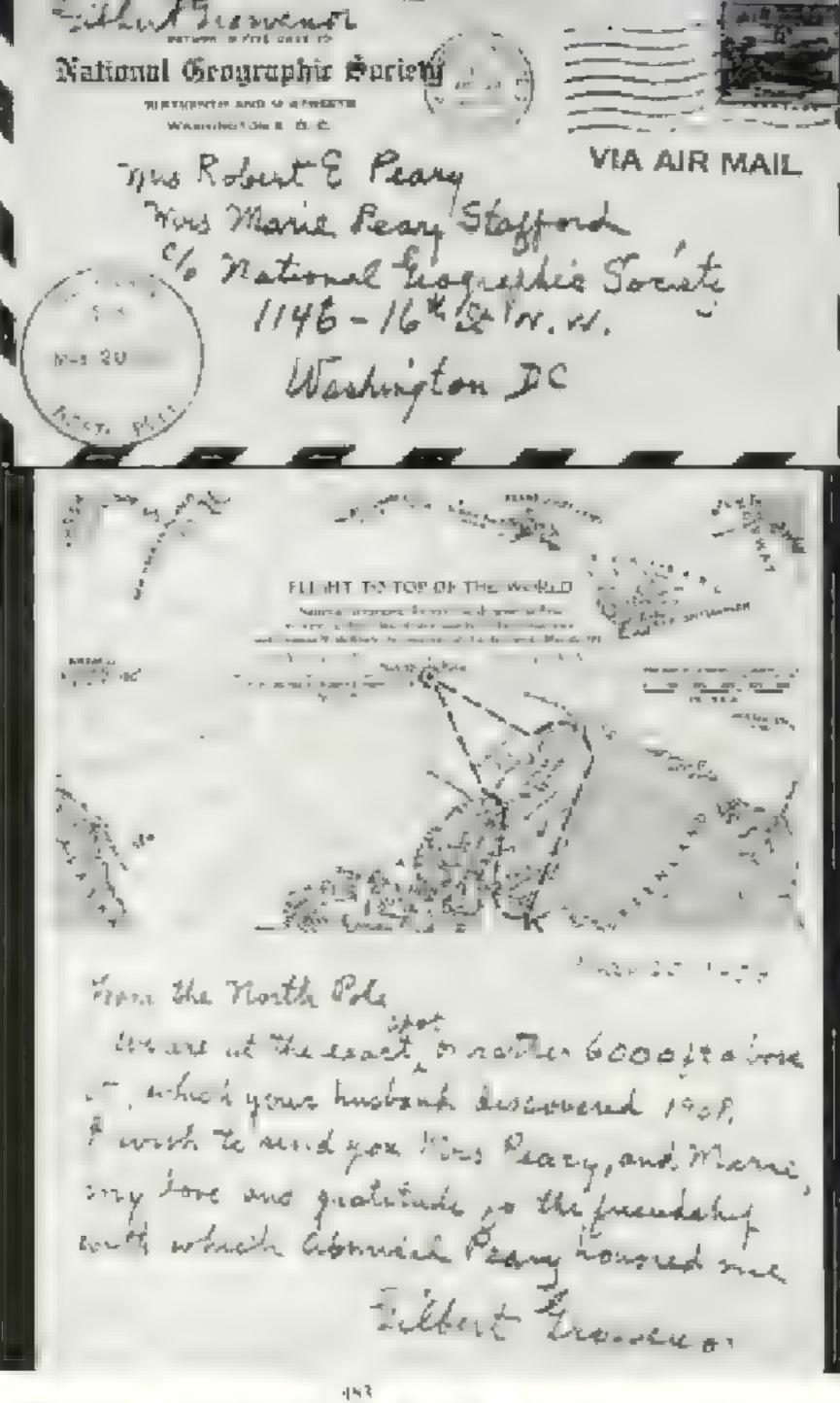
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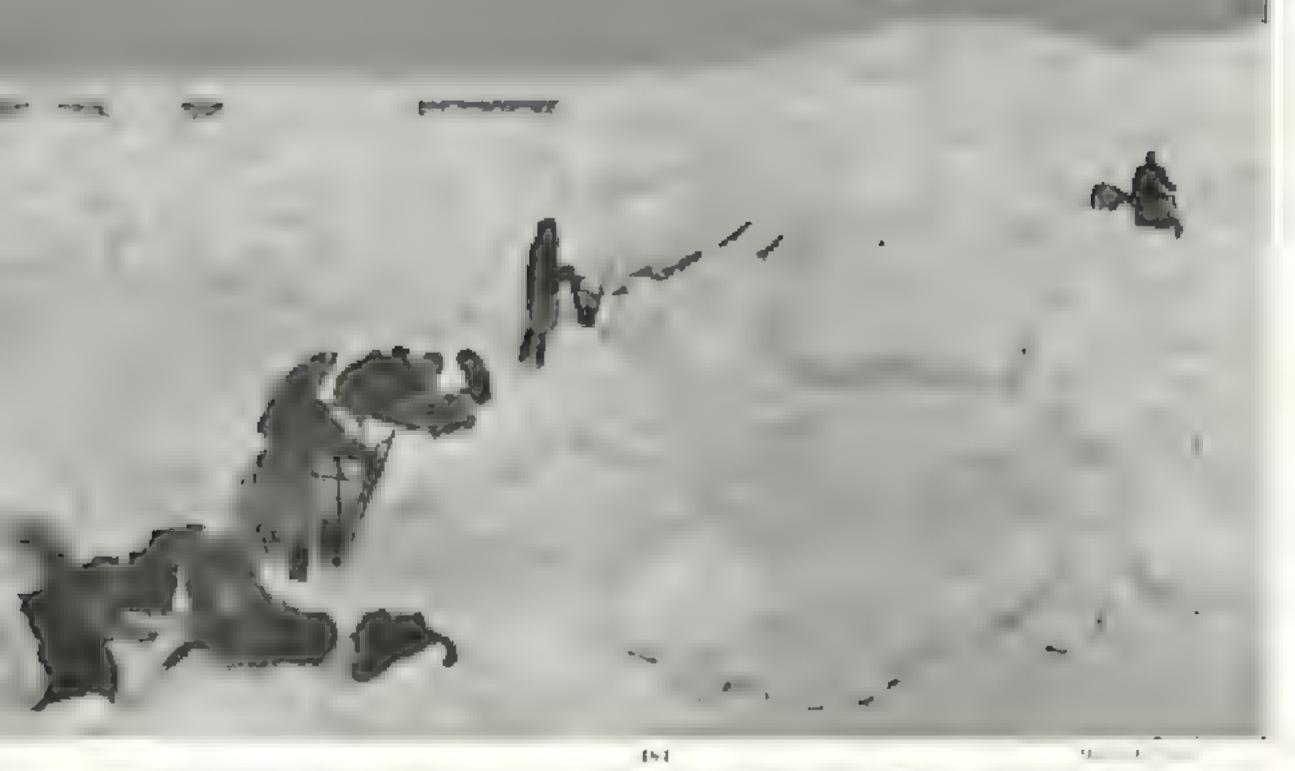


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Carefully, quickly, the defense and men guided the pilot cown, level by level, till the ground control operators were male to spet him and bring him safely onto the austripwith fael almost ame

While our two plane was being prepared for the long hight south, we duted at the offitters' club and then took off at \$1.50 pt m in broad daylight, for Newfoundland. We twoke next morn og warging tillt way across 4 ffin Island and down the coast of Labrar or past Debron, Cape Musford, Nam, and Davis Inlet to Goose bay, Then we dog-legged slightly eastward mirrors the Gulf of Mi-Lawrence to Stephenville It was a pleasant sensation after our long bours over fre and snow to step out of the plane 'nto a br lliant spring day, but red in warm sunlight

From Newfo mr land we consect so ith along the length of Nova Scotia, passing near Buddeck, Cape Breton, the Bras d'Or Lokes, and the Grosvenor sammer home, "Reinn Blireagh." An over-water hep brought us a lar eta l'at Cape Cod's tip, and a siert jog put us on the Boston-New York already

When we passed the steel-at d-concrete forest of Alexanters, treasurement by darkness. and a million lights but a twinkling fairyland. we knew we were rearrig home. An boar later we parked till the massive beacons of Washington—the red lights at the typic the Wishington Monument, the flood) I dome of the Capitol, the Potomic pristening under its six bridges—and made our approach its An frews

Ast Force Base, Maryland, peur the Cap-We had been gone some 94 hours, of which

we had spent about 48 in the air and we laid covered more than 8,800 n cry

Returning to headquarters, we were hopored to receive our first letter of congratula-During,

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May 25, 1953.

Personal

Dear Dr. Grosverort

The gractings which you and Mr. McKnew sent me from the North Pole on May 20th were received by me at noon today. I amdelighted at your thoughtfulness, and with what you say about the A.r Force operations,

Picase thank Mr. McKnew for his message.

With best winter.

Dungardunhun Dr. Gilbert Grosvenor,

National Geographic Society, Washington 6, D. C.

This Stringe Stranger-La Neal the Handlivas Has Few Laws or Taxes and No Army: Bridegrooms I ke Mad et en the Honeymoon

By JEAN AND FRANC SHOR

With Illustrations from Photographs by the Authors

If I top under the most of the world, where the towering Himalayas reach eastward to Tibet and the ragged Karakoram Range stretches west to Afghanistan, lies the remote and mysterious land of Himat, peopled by a race whose origins are last in time.

Hunza's boundaries are indefinite; its populated area lies along the Hunza River Valley, which is seklom more than a mile wide. Its 25,000 inhabitants are taller and fairer of skin than their neighbors; their agricultural methods are superior. They irrigate the rocky soil with water from melting glaciers by a system of canals which is an engineering wonder.

These people have a well-ordered and stable economy. A famous British physician has described them as the lighthiest people in the world. They are, as my wife Jean and I found, certainly among the most hospitable.

Tribal War Causes Detour

We first stumbled into Hunza accidentally. Crossing the Pamir Flateau on vaks with a tribe of Alghan Kirghiz, we had found the horder of Chinese Turkistan blocked by tribal warfare. Our military escort and interpreter had deserted us, but a Kirghiz chief lent us horses, yaks, and a guide he said would take us to Turkistan by another toute

We were weary, ill, and tensure of our whereaboves. Even appear is a sociation cappear 23 000-foot. Debli Sang Pass, down steep slopes into a narrow valley where green fields and archards lived terraced cliffs. Villagers brought as fixed and gave us a bungalow in which to rest. We were in Hunza."

The Mir, or King, of Hunza, Mohammed Jamal Khan, made us welcome.

"I think you will like our country," he said. "Our lives are simple but pleasant. We have few laws, almost no taxes, and no army. No one is rich, but peither is anyone in peed. We are, I think, the world's happiest

people."

The Mir urged us to remain and get better acquainted with his country. But the first snows were threatening to block the passes, and we had to leave. We accepted his invitation to return, but with little hope that we would ever again see his terraced valley.

In the spring of 1952, however, we visited

Pakistan on assignment for the National Grockarine Magazine,† Pakistan controls Hunza's foreign relations, communications and defense, though the little mountain country is independent in internal affairs. We asked for permission to visit the Mir.

'I'm alrald there is little hope," a Pakistan official told us. "Hunga is a highly strategic area. It homeers Chinese Turkistan and Alghanistan and is only a few miles from Russia on one side and India on the other Technically it's part of Jammu and Kashmir. Some people might be suspicious if we permitted Americans to travel there."

By good fortune the Mir bimself came to Karachi a few days later on one of his infrequence to the last to the outside world. He assured the Pakistanis we would be welcome. Finally we found outselves in the office of Kazim Raza, director of Pakistanis Intelligence Bu-

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Do not think us rude," he said, "but people who want to visit strategic places are often not what they claim. After we have studied some of the articles you have written, we shall do not.

Toward Earth's Highest Peaks

In a week permission was granted. We sent a radio message to the M.r and the month to Rawalpindi. From there a (reight plane flew us to Gilgit, Pakistan's most important northern outpost (map, page 193). Sved Faridallah, political agent for the area, told us of developments ince out accions visit

"Hunza is still hard to reach," he said, " of now there is a jeep road to Chall, first village in the Mir's domain. That 32 nule trip once took two days: now it takes three hours. Eventually the road will go all the way to

Baltit, Illunza's capital "

I was upset by the prospect.

"Isolation has been Hunza's salvation," I said, "Its people are leakhier, happier, and better off than most in this part of the continent. The road might ruin the country."

"Don't worre," said Fandullah, "The Mic.

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is still an independent ruler inside his state, and no one could use the road without his permission. It will being doctors and teachers to Hunza more easily and won't become an

avenue for exploitation."

The next day March Hussain, a stardy, 78-year-old Hunaukut who has served the Mir's family for 50 years, walked into thigh with a note from the Mir, telling us that horses were awaiting us at Chalt. The sate had been written in Baltit, 65 miles away.

"When did the Mic give you this?" I asked,

Yesterday."

"And how did you get here?"

"I walked "

Syed Paridullah asked a question, then smiled as he interpreted the answer for us.

"The says he would have ridden a horse, but he was in a hurry!"

Rutteed Highroud to Hunza

We left by jeep for Chalt the next morning. For a rule or two the new road ran amouthly beside the Gilgit River (page 488). Jean and I were in the front seat with the driver, while Mirach sat proudly atop the baggage, which filled the rear. It was his first jeep ride, and he was burstlug with pride, salamning right and left to everyone we passed.

A sharp left turn brought us into the Hunza Valley. The road bream to climb. As it alimbed it grew narrower, as it narrowed it grew rougher Mirzah

began to look worried

No longer did he smile and wave. His expression grew grim. The road was only a mountain trail now, and every few feet a resonnding jolt threatened to the him into the canyon. I suggested that the driver slow down, but he was deaf to the idea. We skidded around a turn, knocking rocks and pebbles into space. Mirzah grabbed the driver and shouted at him. He stopped.

Mirzah staggered around a corner; sitter a long five minutes he feturued, pale and

-haken.

"Horse is better," he said, and reluctantly

climbed abourd.

Jean and I came to agree with him. The road became a rocky ledge, blasted from sheer cliffs. We met one horsemm, who was forced to ride back half a mile to a place wide enough for us to pass. Men on four scrambled up rocky walls to make room. Only the driver was happy; he drove with gay attantion, taking his eyes from the road when he spoke to us and using both hands for gestures. We reached Chalf at noon, shaken, sore, and scared to death.

The Mir had prranged a reception. Must claus serumded us with wailing pipes and thumping drums. Chalt's mayor, tall and

dignified, clui in a long wonlen solve and spotting a brilliantly between beand, welcomed us to a little rest hangalow. Villagers, wearing the same flowing dress, smiled and salasmed.

Inside the hungalow a lunch of reast partridge, but flat bread, and fresh fruits and nuts was spread on a hand-hown table. After we had enten, we went into the courtyard and found our huggage badded on two packhorses. Two other popies, less than four feet tall were saddled and waiting

"Mir Sabib sends salatms," said the ninyor, "Best horses. Very strong. Good Journey."

It is only eight rules from Chalt to Mainn, but the trail makes up in suggestness what it lacks in length. After a brief and deceptively easy amble through a pleasant glade we followed the Hunza River and started up the Hunza road. This path, which stretches from Chinese Turkistan to Gligit, has been known for a thousand years for its heanty—and its danger.

Centuries upo it was the chief highway from Kashaar to Kashmir. Daving traders led pack trains laden with silks, tea, and porcelain along its frightening summits and narrow gallertes. Returning, they brought spices and good and ivory. One successful round trip might make a man wealthy—but many a trader just horses, goods, and even his life in sudden landstides.

Not far from Chalt we paged at one of the world's post runger itent mountains. Rakaposts, Goddess of the Snows, beld her 25,550-foot peak proudly against the desp-blue sky. An awesome granite pyramid, mantled with snow, cups the management titan.

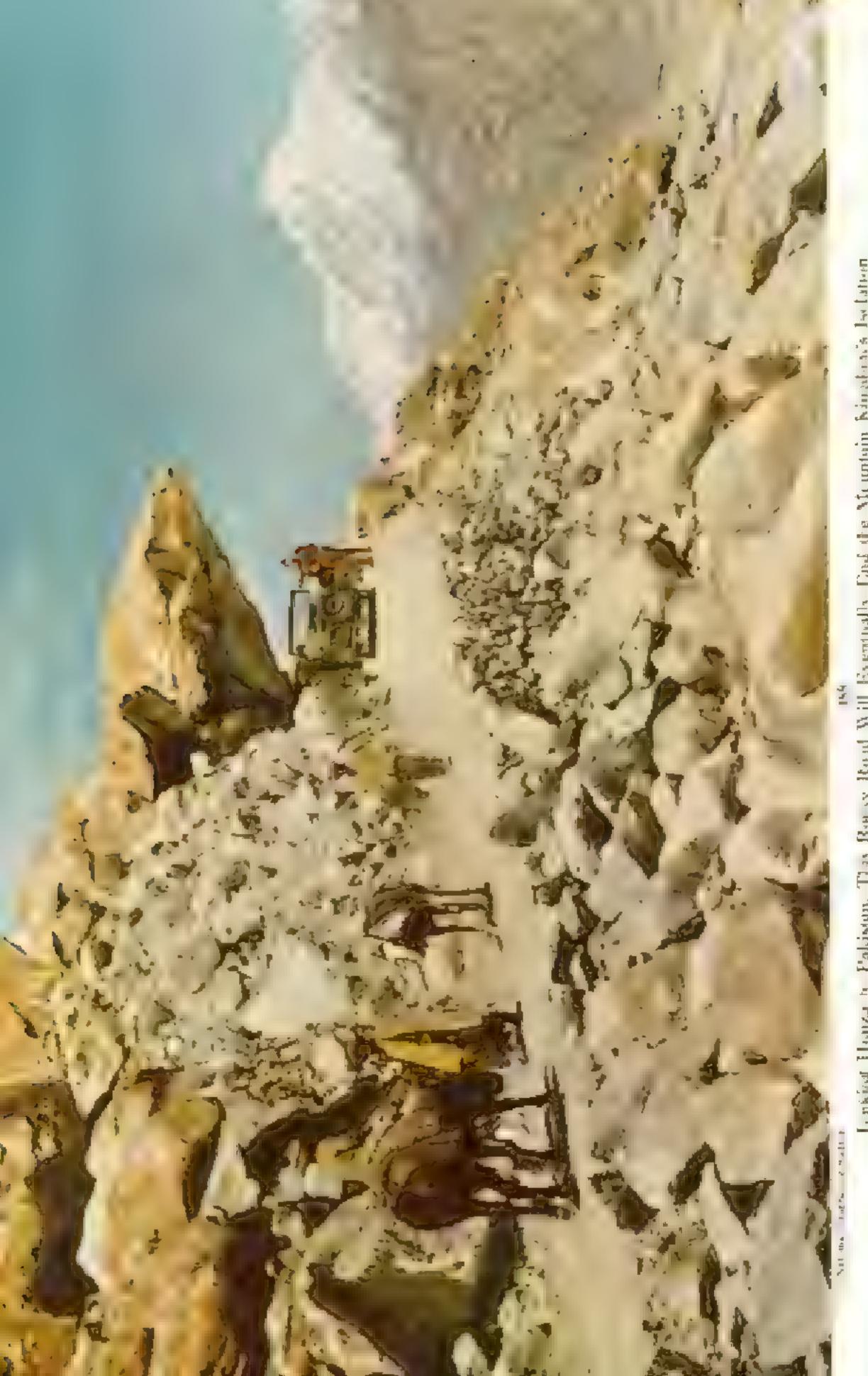
Land of Mountain Ginner

Of the Hunza Valley, Lord Carzon wrate 50 years ago, "Within a range of seventy miles there are eight crests with an elevation of over 24,000 feet, while the ir tie state of Hunza alone is said to contain more summits of over 20,000 feet than there are of over 10,000 feet in the entire Alps."*

Even among such giants Rakaposh, is inspring. We shook on the 7,000-foot trail and looked upward three and a half miles at the wisps of show whapping across its face (page \$12),

We moved slowly that first afternoon. The trad afternately rose steeply and dropped with equal swiftness. As we never upward along a sheer call, we came to our first gallery. These precarious bridgelike passages, whereby the Hanzukuts have created I totroom where Nature had no such intention, have been

^{*}Leaves From a Thereva Note-Book and Other Papers, London, 1916; by permission of the publishers, MucMillan & Co., Ltd.



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think of them as triumphs of faith!

The principle of the gallery is simple. You are moving along a chill face, perhaps 2,000 feet above a valley from You are on a rocky ledge, say two feet wide. The ledge narrows, then disappears; but 20 feet ahead it re-

appears. What do you do?

tionaukut trail builders long ago found a way to bridge these gaps. Usually there is a crack in the face of the trailless chil. Into this crack they drive a line of flat rocks. On these they by other rocks, the second layer protruding a bit. They add more layers of rock, interfaced with branches, until the level of the trail is reached. Thus a helge is hall, perhaps 30 inches wide—more likely 18—which is called a rafik, or a thery (page 496).

Across Shaky Man-made Ledges

Men and huses these precarious perches, Our packers led the way: Jean and I swallowed hard and followed. Looking down, I was harrified to see daylight through the tacks. From the next gallery I glimpsed several horses lying flattened on a ledge protruding from the ediff 500 feet below.

"Oh, yes," sold the Mir, when I mentioned a to have there. A policy, i lew on in a war i You were fortunate. I worried while you were

comme; it was such a windy thay I"

The resthouse at Mainn sheltered two very tired travelers that pight. Mintah had walked ahead to prepare for our actival, and we found him at the fireplace grilling skewers of lamb. Seasoned with cumin, it was delictors. We spread our sleeping bags no beds of crossed towhide thoogs and were soon dead to the world.

We began the M-nule jostney to Baltit at dawn. Above Mainn the valley narrows, and the trail with it. Galleries came more frequently, each shakier than the last. At one corner the path was so narrow we had to unload the pack animals to make the 1 mg. We were alimbing steadily. Rakaposhi still towered above us, but more and more magnificent samplits were coming into view.

Near midday a sadden turn brought us a view of lialtit. In the clear air its t00-year-old castle towered before us, seeming only a

few thousand yards ahead.

"How Isra" I asked Mirzah.

I glanced at my wrist. My watch was gone! I remembered that at midmorning I had felt something strike my boot, but had assumed it was a stone cast by the horse about. I started to sein up, then recalled the tocky trall. It might be 10 miles back; no watch was worth 20 miles of such travel. I would tell the Mir; be might send someone to look for it.

An hour later, as we slipped down a tocky slipe, I heard a shout behind us. Down the trad at a steady for a came a barefoot Hunzukut. He spoke briefly to Mirzah, then came to me and held out my watch.

* Salub?" be asked, pointing to my wrist.
 I looked at my wrist, pretraded surprise.

then showed him the strup marks. Replacing the watch, I thanked him profusely.

"How far?" I asked in Urda, pointing to the

watch.

He named a village eight miles back, Gratefully 1 brought out a bandful of Pakistan moves. He is fed

Yar, " by " he said, firmly. He seized my hand, shook it warmly, and was tretting back along the trail before I could step him

where terraces fields step down to the sloed and apper trees, heavy with blossoms, lined the last mile of the trail. Mirzah led us proudly into the grounds of the Mick new palace. Fifty yards from the domway an arch over the path spelled out "WFL—COME" in red letters. The Mic, dressed in flammels and a tweed jacket, came to meet us.

"Welcome home." he said. "We have al-

ways been sure you would return,"

The Mir is short and squarely built, with dark hair and eyes and a ready smile. He studied English at a British school in Gilgir and speaks it perfectly. Besides Burnsbaski, the Huaza tongue, he is also Jurnt in Persian, Urdu, Arabic, and bull a diven dialects of surrounding tribes

He lives simply. His ancestors owned most of the land in Hunza Valley and collected a tex on the rest. The Mir has given most of the land to the near who till it and collects only a small restal from the lands he has

distributed.

Modest Castle in Western Style

His new castle is a modest structure built of hand-hewn Hunza granite in Western style. It is comfortably furnished in a Pakistani version of modern. One of the Mar's proudest possess ous as an apright plant.

Ma grand ath rhad at house from ka house," he told as "Twenty men carried it ever

the mountains."

That night, as we sat in front of a rouning fire, the Mir told as a little about his country

and his people.

"We have no written history," he said, "hat legend tells that we are descented from three solders of Alexander the Great who took fersian wives and settled here 2,000 years ago. We have no proof of this, but some scholars say our people bear a strong resemblished to the ancient Greeks,



Henna Reddens the Beard of a Jovial Hunza Patriarch

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Sir Aurel Stein studied our language and concluded it leave no relation to either the I to dian or Iranian language families. Our custeres and culture differ from those of our neigh fors. We are taller and stronger than they, and our farm methods and satisfary habits are in step with modern Western Giscoveries."

From a bookshelf the blir brought down a

ralf-lenand typewritten folio.

"My grandiather wrote this," he said, "It is the story of the descent of the rulers of Hanza, going back 40 generations. He was the first man who could write it down. It is fall of odd tales of one Mir who are young children, and of another who was put in a box on the river and was fished out downstream like Mosts.

"In the old days we were great warriors, Even the Chinese empire, at the height of its glory, sent tribute to the Mirs of Hunza to keep them from raiding Kashgar and Yarkand ın Chinese Turklstan "

Today the Hunzukuts are a peaceful race. Long ago the Mr clashanded the state's little army. A few years ago he did away with his

per≤omul bodyguπtd.

"Why should I have a bodyguard?" he reland. "I have no enemies. Any man in the country can walk into my office at any time. They bring their problems to me, and I try to help them. The cost important thing about Hanza, I think, is this: we are a condensed people. There is enough for everyone to est. and wear, and when there is a shortage we staire what we have. Only noce since I became Mir have we been worried."

"What caused that?" I asked

"Two years ago," the Mir teplied, "someage thought he had discovered a rich vein of gold. Fortamately, it turned but he was mistaken, but for a few days we were akarme l."

I found it hard to believe that anyone would uliject to owning a gold mice, and I said so.

"It would have meant the end of Hunza and our way of life," the Alic explained, "We are let alone because we have nothing anyone else wints. If we were rich, some country would find a prefext for moving to to 'protect" us."

Central Asian Hall of Fame

Refore we went to bed that night, the Milr brought us his guest book to sign. Jean opened the yellowed pages and gave a cry of delight. The book was a hall of fame of Central Asian exploration. Sir Aurel Stein, Lord Curson, C. P. Skrine, and Sven Hedin were there. Theodore and Kermit R servelt bad left their signatures. Maynard Owen Willimins, of the National Geographic Magazisse, had signed it with fellow prembers of

the Citaen-March Trans-Asiatic Expedition * Propelly we added our names, in small letters.

Mirzah woke us early the next muraing We came into the living room to find the Mir wa ting, dressed in a magnificent gown of got how ade belowd at the walst. At his side hung n gold-halted sword in a scabbard of curved ivory. A jeweled pin held a plume of egret feathers in place on his black cap (page 508). Ayash, his younger brother and right-hand man, wore a similar costume. Even Crown Prince Mcharmood was in full regulia.

Festival Starts Spring Sowing

"Today is out spring planting festival," said the Mir. "A Hunza rastour hundreds of

years old. We'd like you to attend."

After breakfast we walked to a field where bundleds of villagers had gathered. Two black oven, startely larger than six-monthsold Angus calves, were bitched to a wonden plow. The Mir's grand visler, an 80-year-old dignitary with long mustaches, was waiting With him was a teen-age lad, who looked as if he were made up for Halloween.

Figur covered the boy's face, hands, and the U.S. Army jacket he was wearing. On his back a bog held a bundle of green branches.

Another sack contained barley.

Villagers cherned as the Mit grasped the handle of the plow. The grand vizier made a brief speech. The Mir responded, then drawe the oven down the field and back,

plowing a shallow factow.

The grand virter task a lumiful of seed from the youth's potch and placed it in the Mir's cupped hands. From a purse he drew a pinch of gold dust, which he mixed with the seed. The Mr broadcast the mixture over the new furrows, while the growd shouted

Three times the ceremony was repeated. Then the Mir threw a few hamitule of grain over the showd until the villagers scrambled madly for the ceremontal seeds. The Mirspoke again and the crowd dissolved, the use of

trotting of for their own homes.

New they will sow the rewar fields "said 15 Mar "They believe that if they catch a few of the grains I throw and mix them with their own seed, they'll have a fine burvest."

"The you believe it?" I asked.

"If the weather is good, with plenty of water, and they till the fields well, they will

have a good crop," laughed the Mir.

The youth with the thour, seeds, and green shoots is a Hunza symbol of fertality, the Mir. explained. His position, one of great bonot, is bereditary.

From the Mic's bulcony on hour later we

* See "First Over the Rouf of the Worl | by Mo or," hy Masmard Chyen Williams, Name was Generalise Macarive, Morely, 1932

and see hamiteds of farmers sowing their nelds (page 50%). The seeds were thrown on the played soil, then over dragged masses of thorn bushes across the fields

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alcohol, and the Flunza
kuts are followers of the
Aga Khan, members of
the liberal Isma Lan sect

The people make a little some each summer.' said the Mir. "In Ducember, when it is too cold to farm, they drink their wine. They also kill a sheep. It is one of the few times in the year they eat meat."

December is festive in Hunga. Each evening villagers gather for the lamous Hunga swood dances, and the merrymaking lasts for the entire month. Almarriages are performed in Herensher, 100.

A Hunzukut husbana can never forget his wedding ambiversary, for all weddings take place on the same day. On a mid-month Thursday, chuser in consultation with the diviners, engaged conquestioners, engaged conquestal each values parents still select mar-

riage pertners for their children, but the young people can refuse their parents' gaoice.

"We have one custom which Westerners find consucal," said the Mir. "The ground mother spends the honeymoon with the newly weels, acting as guide and teacher. Marriage, we believe, is too important to be left to thank. We have very few divorces.

Wamen, Men Have Equal Voice

Women play an important part in Hunzalide. They cannot inherit land, since the Hunzakuts feel they could not do the heavy work of tilling the fields. They can own other property, however, and they have an equal voice with men in funity matters. The Mir's wife is in purdal, and is accer seen by them, but other women of the equality move about freely without yells. They are shy, but smile and salean to the passing traveler.



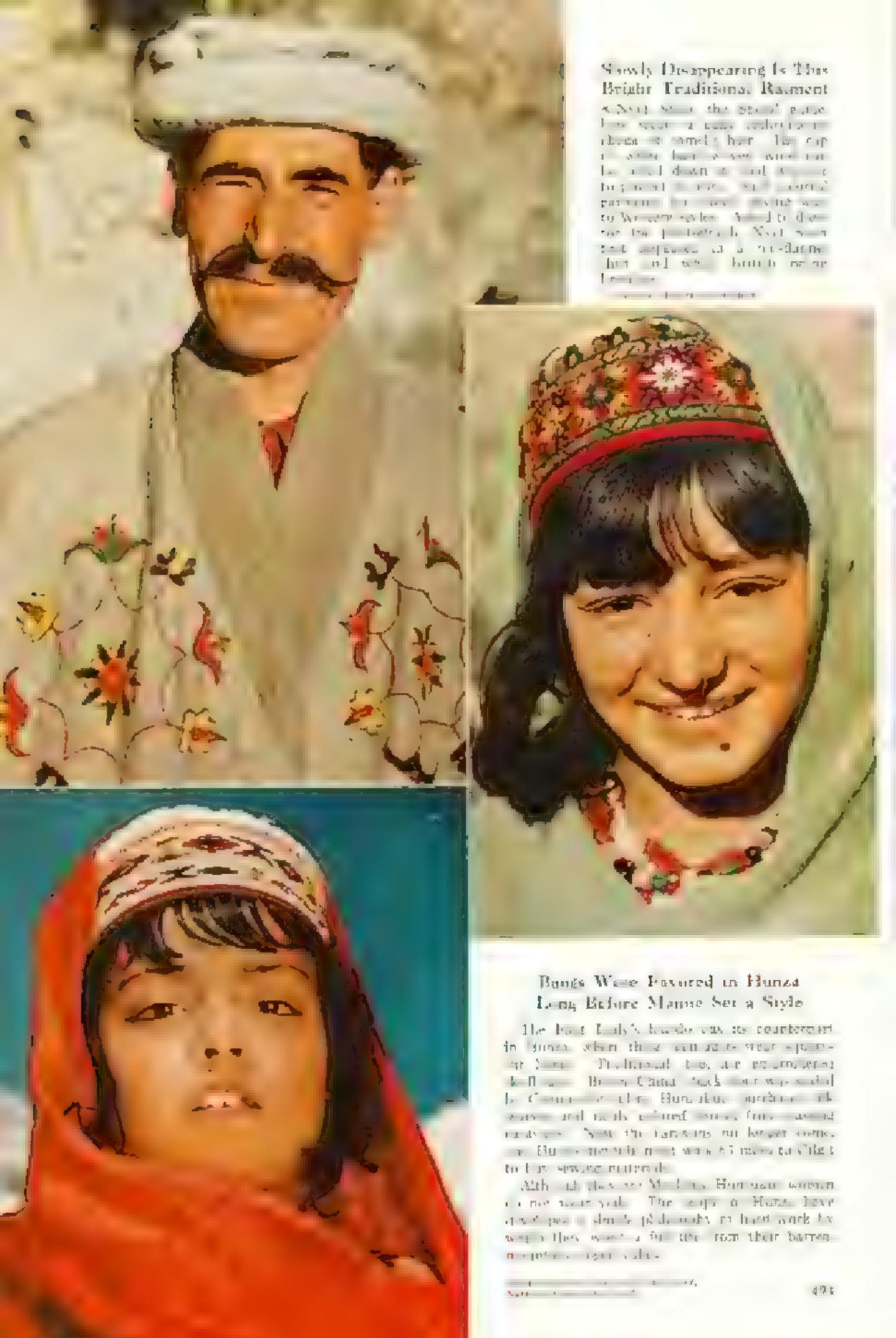
Sky-high Hunza Borders Alghanistan and Red China

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This equality extends to education, took function is one of the few places in all the East where there are free schools for both boys and garls. The Aga Khan earmorks funds for educational purposes, which are administered by the Mir.

thood soil is so scarce in Hanza that a too high high pate would be serious. Centaties and, however, the Hunzukuts solved the problem of birth control. When a women becomes pregnant she leaves her husband's bed, not to return until her child is weared—two years for a girl and three for a boy.

One sunny morning we attended a session of the Mir's court (page 507). Each day the other and his advisers meet in the palace courty and. A council of 12 assists the Mir and his grand visier. Most of them are very old. One hents-hearded elder, who walks two priles every day to attend the council, is 97; built



a descent the first more than 80 (page 491). "Our government is democratic," the Mir told us proudly, "Each village selects a mayor. He and his council decide local disputes. If the contestants aren't satisfied, they uppeal to me by telephone."

How do you happen to have a telephore

system here?" I asked.

"My grandfather had a hattery-powered face installed," answered the Mrt. "There is one phone in each village. I call each mayor for a daily report. In an emergency they can call me. All but one, that is."

"Why all but one?"

"He's too talkative," laughed the Mir. "Used to tall a dozen times a day about trivial things. I had his telephone fixed so I can call him, but he can't call me. It works very well,"

How Disputes Are Settled

If a telephone decision isn't satisfactory, the contestants walk to Baltit and present their claims in person. We saw those cases decided, two involving water rights and one a specifical of land inheritance. In two instances the Mir suggested a comptomise, which both pure a restal for land other on the cheek, and left arm in arm.

The last case was put to a vote of the council, and the Mir accepted the majority decision. The losing litigant waven his arms and shouted angrily. He stamped off, yelling his opinion of the court to anyone who would I sten.

"That," said the Mir, "is the local equiva-

lebt of a free press."

Jean and I spent a week in Bultit, getting requainted with the villagers and watching them till their fields. The farmer, Nazar St. I. i via 1 a into his to a political sector for bach. We became friends and spent several days with his family.

Nazar Shah owns 10 kanals of kand—a little more than two acres. He caises harley and putatoes, the two thief crops, and smaller amounts of millet, wheat, and gram. Carrots, turnips, and green beans are raised in spring and early summer. His trees yield aprirots, pears, apples, and walnuts.

kight steep provide milk for the family of seven, wool for their homespun garments, and manuse for fertilizer. Two sheep are kalled for meat during the feast month of Lecember

Proudly Yazar Shah showed us his square two-room, two-story bouse. A ladder connects the two chambers,

"All Heast houses are built like this," he said. "The lower room has only one small window and is easy to keep warm. We live there all winter. Every year, on the 21st of

Manch, we move upstairs, where we have a balcony with a view. There is a Hanza saving: Better a home with no roof than one with no view.

Al. Hannikuts move upstairs on the same day. Even the Mir's palme has duplicate apartments on two floors, and the royal family

makes the annual move, too.

Outside, Nazar Shith showed us a rock shelter for his sherp, and two snug storerooms. One held dried apricuts and jars of grain, from the celling bung strings of pears. Our host handed as each one. They were wrinkled, but tasted as fresh as if picked that day, tather than six months before.

Part of the storetoom was walled off and contained smaller quantities of grain, fruit, and nuts. We asked why the separate supply.

"That is for others, in an emergency," said our host. 'Everyone in Hunan sets aside a small portion of his baryest to help others

who may meet with misfortune."

Soni Begun, Nazar Shah's wife, prepared our shaple lauch. Two handfuls of dejed apricots were sasking in a wooden bowl. While her daughter-in-law, Feroza, casked that tounds of unknowned bread on a stone, she tubbed the opticuts briskly between her palms in the water. The fruit softened, and the water thatkened and teok on the control the fruit. When the bread was done we were each given two pieces, and a few apricots and a cup of the laquid were placed before us.

The fruit was delicious. I started to throw away the seed from the first one, but Nazar Shah sected it, cracked it between two stones,

and handed me the kernel,

"Eat it," he said. "It's the best part,"
It tasked much like an almond. Jean and
I are our truit, kernels and all, and then, following the family example, we drank the
liquid. A handful of walnut meats finished the

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'This is the mainstay of our diet," said Nazar Shah. "We cat potatoes, some vegetables, and a little grain. But fruit and mass are the most important. Maybe that's why blanza girls won't marry a man who lives where apticuts won't grow,"

Fruit Trees for Wedding Gifts

The apricot is so important in Hunza's economy that trees can be given or willed separately from the land on which they stand brequently a daughter is given a special tree as a wedding present. Every year she returns to pick its fruit

Nazar Shah's family is almost completely self-safficient. They raise their own food, and some Begum makes the family's woolen, lothes. She shears the sheep, spins the yarn, weaves the cloth, and makes it into garments.



Invitation to Vertigo: Precessions Rabbs at Dizzy Heights Test Travelers' Nerves

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Unly cotton cloth is parchased. Nazar Shah seddom handles nore than \$15 or \$20 a year in east.

The lasistand rapee is the corrency of Hanza. When the Hanza fond was open, the villagers made a little cash by renting hatses and serving as porters for the curayans from Chinese Turkistan.

Ancient Carayan Route Closed

These caravans also served as traveling bazaara where Hunzukuts could buy uten-54%, salt, knives, and brightly colored cetton cloth. But the Chinese Communists have closes the border, and the road is little used. Hanzakuts must make the long lick to tillg.t for their few purchases,

Fortunately, the remarkable physique and great andurance of Hunza's mountain people make a hag journey on foot a trivial matter to them. Jean and I had read fantastic tales of their endurance, and we asked the

Mir if they still had such staming,

"You may see for yourself" be said. "I am sending a messenger to Gilgit in the morning. Give him a note to the political agent and ask the agent to write down the time of his ar-CHEST .

The round trip between Baltit and Gilgit is 130 miles over daticult trails. The messenger, a tall and slender youth of 18, left at 8 in the overning. He returned three days later. Syed Faridalish had written the time of arrival on my note-with a humorous protest against having been awakened at \$130 in the morning, The messenger had walked the 65 miles to Gilgit in 1914 hours!

Later, Jean and I told the story to an

einglish Joarmalist in Pakistan.

"Ab, yes," be said. "Rather good time. But then, it was downfull, wasn't h?"

Living with the Mir was pleasant, but there was more of Hanas to be explored. So with Mirsch and Nyet Stah, a magnificent spectmen of thinks manhood, we set off toward

the Charese beeder.

Nyet Shah is in his early thirties, six feet tall, brond of shoulder, and long of mustache. He walked as we twie, currying 40 pounds of equipment on his back, and frequently enlivened the murch by dancing a title at two to show us Hunza steps. He loved to be photographed—if we gave him warning •0 be could carl his mustache (page 494).

There were times when language problems. grew a bit complicated. The Hunza tongue is amazingly involved. It has, among other difficulties, at least four genders and a besti-

dering confusion of plural endings,

Both Mirzah and Nyet Shan speak good Urdu and some Persian and Turki, and I have a smattering of all three. I speak Chinese, and they know a few words of that. Mitzalt had once been employed in the British Consulate General in Kashgar, but had forgotten most of his English. Nyet Shah knew no English, but said be'd like to learn. The cesult was frequently a strange mixture, such as I bound myself speaking our third night out:

"Farda (Persiana Tomerrow) man (Turkia 1) yao (Chinese: want) teek (Urdu: good)

khaut (Burushaskh horse),"

It sounded a little odd, and it frequently sent Jean bits hysterics, but it worked.

We paused briefly at Altit, a enuple of miles from Baltat, to inspect a \$00-year-old fort. Its mud walks were still in good shape, the sturily beams and timbers intricately carved in geometric patterns. The Mir uses the structure his h storem due.

Pied Piper of Hunza

As we left Altit, shouting schoolboys lellin behind us, laughing and scrambling on the narrow path. To our amazement they followed us the entire seven miles to Alahad,

"Foreigners must be rare up here if they it walk all that distance just to kook at us," said Jean, 'Let's give them some candy

I walked to my packhorse, where I had a few pounds of hard candy in the pocket of my trepch cost. I put my hand in and found a lone piece of cardy and a sizable hale,

A closer inspection of our young escerts rewaled bulging checks and hands clutching the trightly wrapped confections. A Hanza musmay walk eight hard mules to return a valuable. watch, but, where candy is concerned, boys are lays the world over

The 11 miles from Atahad to Galmit were a nightmare. Between 1,000-foot climbs opalmost sheer cliffs we stumbled over rocky stretches of riverbed and dragged our lanses through deep sand. Three miles from Gulm 4 we restrict the most fantastic bridge [have ever seen.

* x rusty cutiles stretched some 300 feet a tess the Hunza River, about 500 feet above the water. Two cables served as handralls, the others surposed ration, weathered and cracked branches, which were the footpath The branches were spaced irregularly, usually

la Jeformal Hunge Q-Both Sexes Have Their Say

Just as the Mir of Hustra has ha council of elders. his wife meets each day with a group of Boltz wemen to discuss the problems of the femining populate These matrons, sitting on a suches of the Randa carleft touth, are among her a osest friends. Belief theretowers a grand unclimbed pept

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far enough apart to require a long stretch.

I crossed the bridge to photograph a village, but Jean wisely refused. A high wind was thowing, and the old cables creaked as they swayed (page 506). The footpieces gave beneath me at each step. It was a coel cay, but I returned drenched with perspiration. Nor did I feel better when, as we node off, a Hunga woman came tripping across with a haby clutched under one arm!

Dinner in Gulmit was a feast. The mayor presented as with a haunds of ilex and a brace of partridge. Mitzah made soup of the thex bones, served the partridge grilled on skewers, and then brought masted ibex.

The Stir telephoned that night, "My shi kari [hunter] in Pasu has just called," he said, 'to tell me that Marco Pelo sheep move been sighted a few miles from the village. It s a chance to get some meat. World you like to go along."

The prospect of even glimpsing a rate Oxio puli clated me - I assured the Mir I'd bke to join the party.

"I'll tell the sh'karl to wait for you," said the Mir

I rode ahead of Jean and the puckers the pext morning, covering the eight index to facu before 10 o'clock. The shikari and two trackers were ready. They presented me with a 6 foot pole topped with a steel point and book for climbing, and we set off.

The Mir of Hunza is an honest man, and when he said that the Ovis poli were "a few toiles" from Pasu. I'm sure he meant just that. But he failed to recution that most of those few miles were strught up.

Tracking Marca Polo Sheep

We walked along the litters road, then turned into the valley of the great Batura Glacier, one of the world's largest. This great must of detritus-covered ice, nearly 25 miles ong and four miles wate, fills the valley. We straggled across it for two hours, then left the trail and headed up toto the negations.

I was in good condition, but my Humankut friends found my progress slow. The shikari stayed with me, but the two trackers tanged ahead like hunting dags, moving in huge off-cles, traveling at least three times as far as I did, yet herer showing fatigue.

Pasa village lies at 8,000 feet; at dusk we had reached 16,000. We paused for half an hour, are a handful of dried apricats and a few walnuts, then resumed our steady climb

We made another 1,500 feet in the next three hours. The Hunzakuts were ready to ge on all night, but I was through. My feet were leaden, my lungs hursting, and my heart pounded a furaba thy thm. I scooped a bole for my sleeping bag and turned in. My compassions want ped up or their long robes and key down; we slept soundly until dawn.

Then Tair Shah, the shikari, renerd me. I was sa stiff and sore I could scarcely unxip my sleeping bag. I finally numered to stand up, and after more applicals and wainted we

set off up the mountain.

The jagged granite peaks turned a rosy gold in the sun's first rays. Below us the valley was still shrouded in semidickness. The going was even rougher tow, but the branty of the scene and the crisp mercipa air gave me new strength. An hour of steady climbing brought us to 18,500 feet, where Tric Shah called a balt and sent a tracker shead to the crest of a slight ridge. The tracker trawled the last few feet, perced across, then silently motioned us to his side.

Sneen Sighted from Richte

Quietly we crept up beside him. I lay that on the ground, inched to the crest, and cautiously peered over. About a quarter of a mile away, standing quietly in a little snow meadow, were seven Marco Pola shrep—four ewes and three tams. The wind was toward us, and they showed no sign of alarm.

few animals compare in grandeur with the Ovis poli rum. His body is aften as large as a charkey's, with a great head and magnificent curved horns. The world-record head, we need for from where we lay, had horns 75 inches around the outside curve.

These animals were not that large, but they were hig. The thought that I was one of the lew Westerners to see them in their native palitet sent a thrill down my spine.

I lay quietly for a minute, waiting for my pounding heart and gasping breath to smooth

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Slowly I squeezed the trigger. The crash echied back and forth from the towering peaks, I waited a long and awful moment while the ballet sped its course.

buddenly the grazing animals leaped as if propelled by springs. Straight up the side of a sheer rack wall they hartled. All, that is, but the great run. He strock motionless for a second, then collapsed and tumbles silently down a tocky wall.

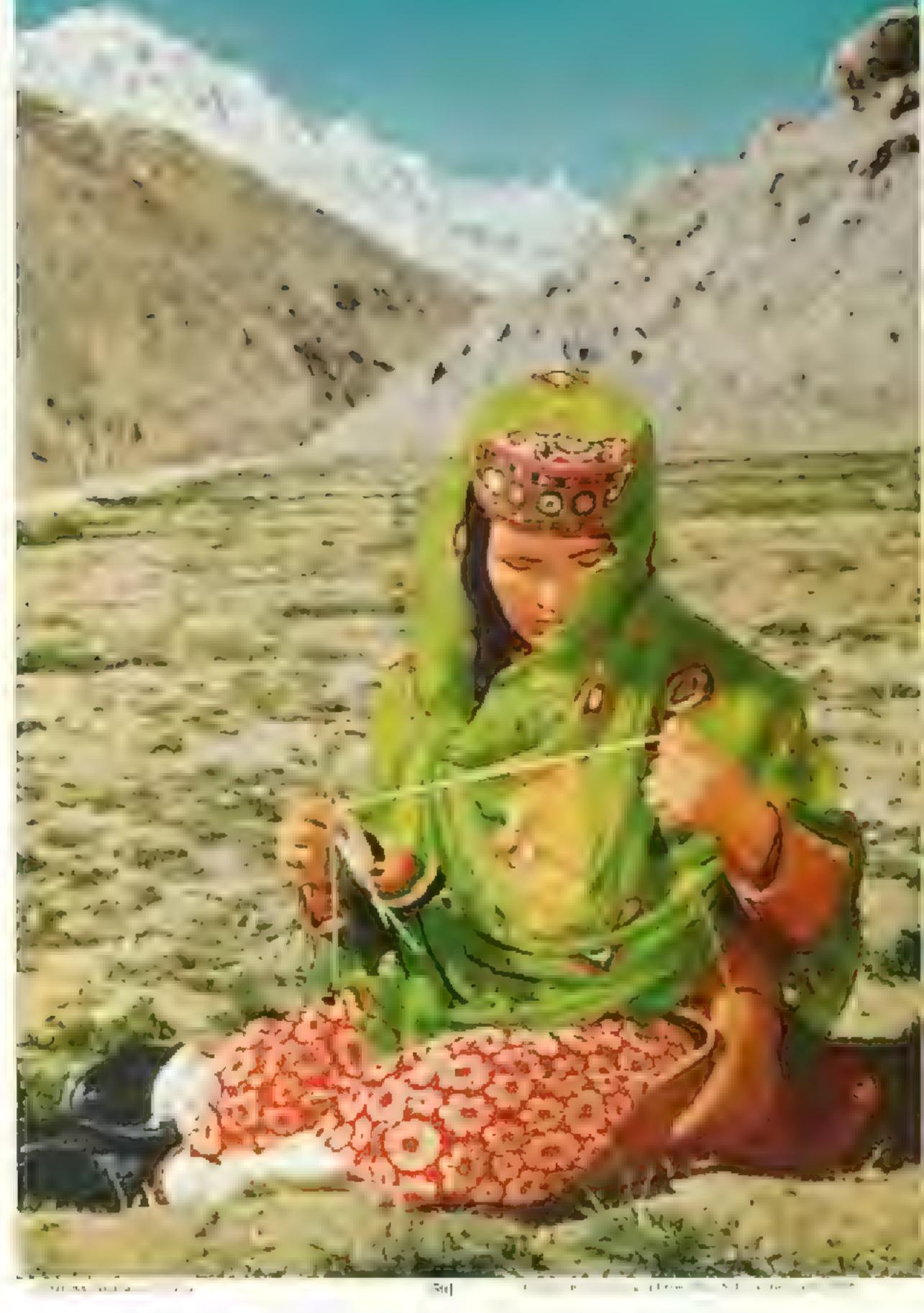
Trophies Without Heads

Tair Shah fired, and one of the young rams collapsed in mid-flight. I did not fire again

The two dead rams were only a quarter of a mile away by title shot, but so rugged was the terrain that it took our trackers nearly two hours to work their way to the spot and a turn with the carcasses. I lay down to rest

In spite of my excitement I desert off. Toir Shah woke me when the men dragged the

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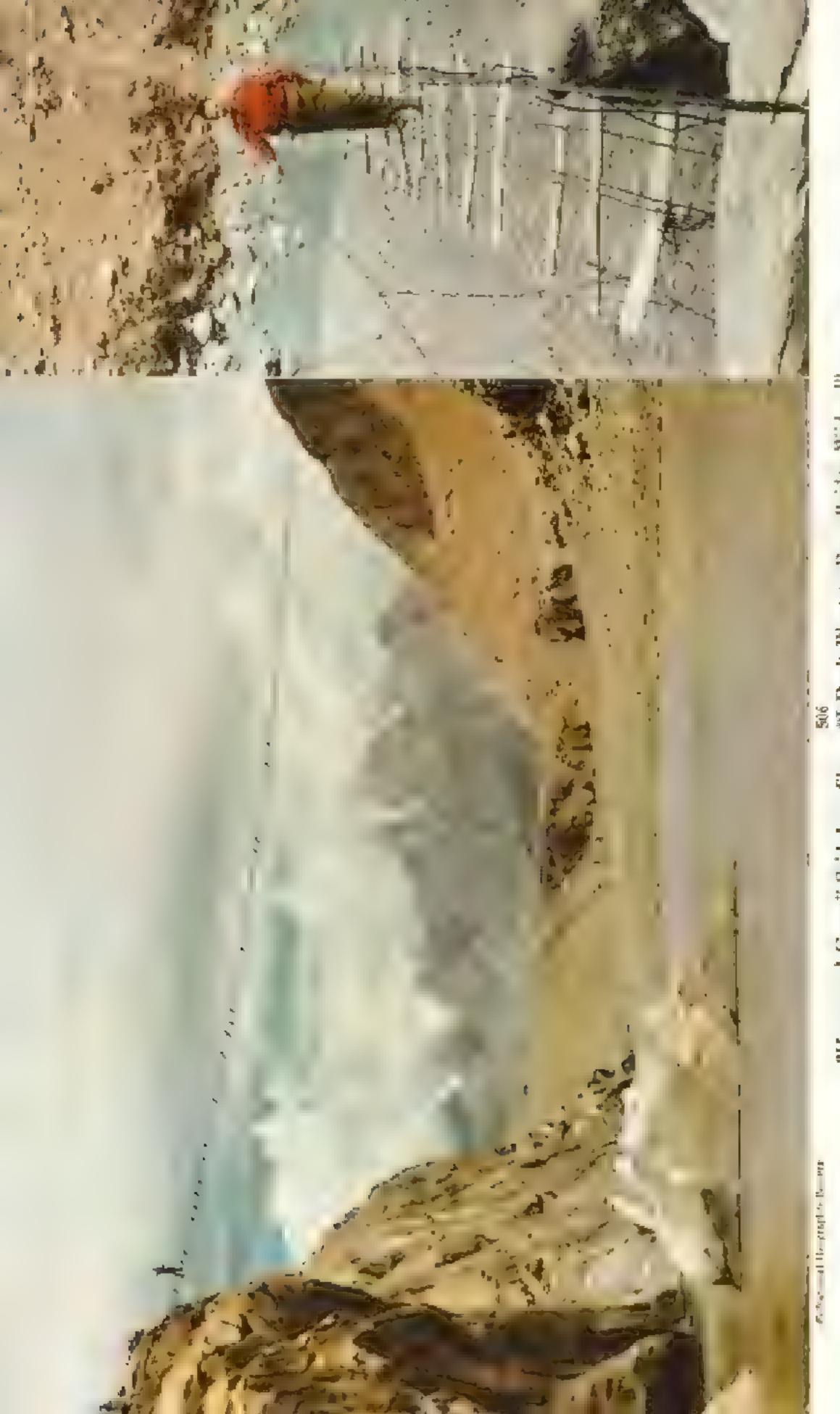
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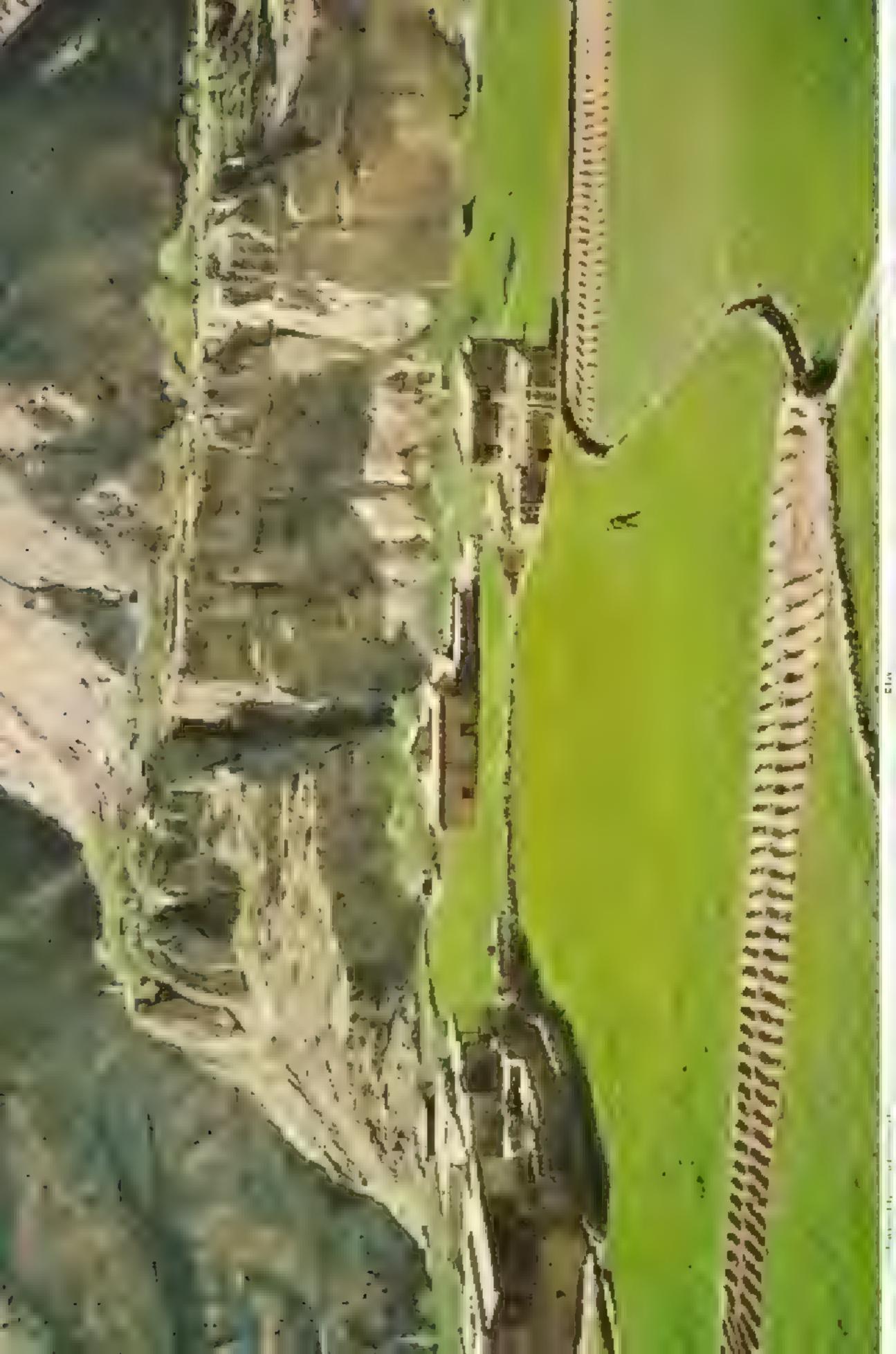
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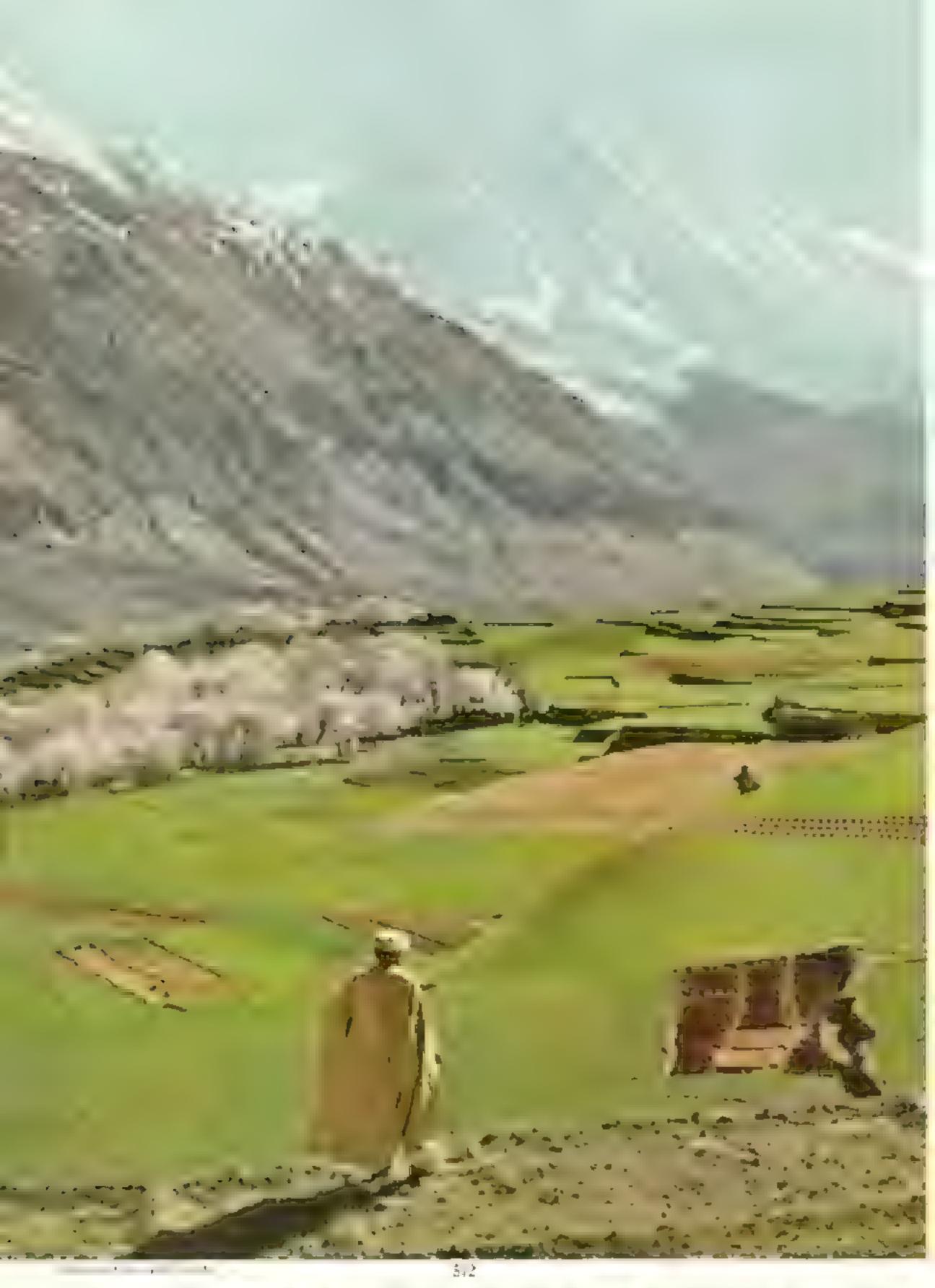
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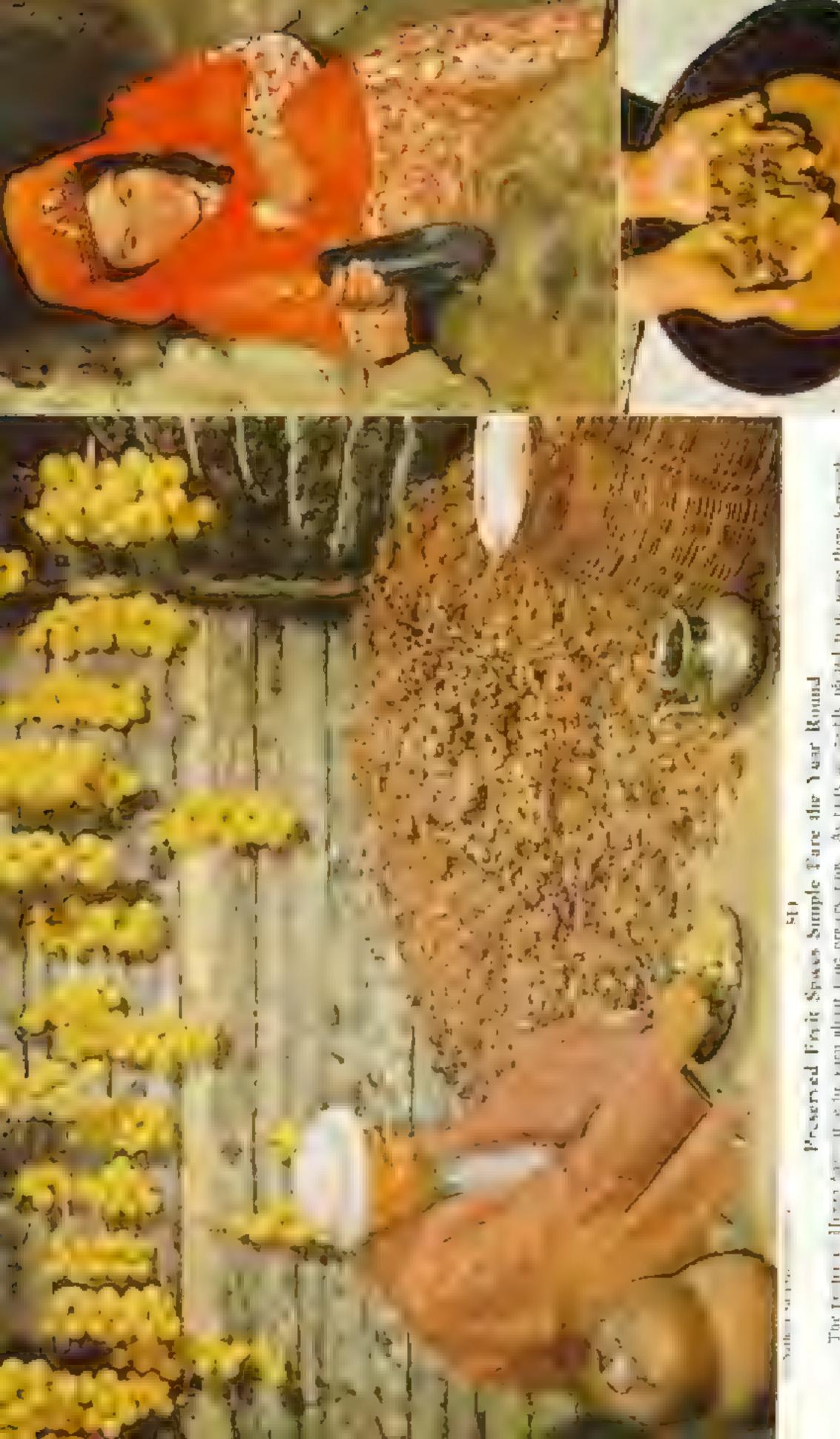


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"Why the beaus?" asked Tair Shab. "They

rre beavy, and you cannot cat them,"

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it took the shikari and me six bours to slide down the cliffs and cross the glacier to Pasu. Soon after our return the trackers walked in, each carrying hearly 200 pounds of sheep. Neither seemed the least bit tired.

The horse of my tam measured 47 its ten around the outside turn, a cred table tophy. Excitedly I telephoned the Mrr of our back,

"I am very happy," he said. "Now you

will return in good spirits."

"We don't plan to return quite yet," I said. "I think we'll go up to the Chinese border,"

"It would be better if you did not go farthet," he replied. "You are only a few miles from the Communist border post, and it is meetiled country. If they knew Americans were so near, they might be suspicious."

I promised we would start our return jour-

any the following day.

I napped the rest of the afternoon. Not so Thir Shah. Word had come that theres had seen seen near the village, and he set off with three companions. At 9 that night there was a knock an our door. I opened it to find the shik si and ble friends, each with an Des shipp over his shoulder and the head in his hand. They piled the heads, with long, curving horns, on the porch

"The Suhib likes heads," Tair Shaa explained to Mirzah, who was looking on in 49unishment. "How do you cook them?" Or

is it only the eyes be likes?"

Mirgan explanaed the Western fordness for trophics: Tair Shah looked much relieved.

Polo: Hunza's National Sport

At Mirrah's suggestion we walked to Tair Shah's house. There four still-warm lieres. were stretched on their backs. Men bekt them by the legs while women combed the bellies and sides of the unutals. Every few trinutes they removed a thick mut of fuit from the curebs and put it in a woolen bag. Murzen handed us a ball of it.

It was the softest wood I had ever felt, fat lighter and silkier than cashmere. The combing leaves the coarse guard hairs, plucking only the precious down.

Back in Baltit the Mir staged a two-day farewell party for us. Polo is Hunga's na tional game, and a fouring two-hour contrat Letween the best teams in the country was the first-day feature. The play was well and reckless with the most during horsen analy-I barve ever eren.

Level ground is rare and precious in upand-daws Himza, but every voltage has its polo field. Children play first an foot, then on dankeys, and finally on horselack when they are old enough. Every village has a team, and inter-village rivalry runs luch. A top-notch player is as much the idol of Hunza youngsters as a major-league star in our country.

Archery and Flashing Swards

In the afternoon came exhibitions of horsemanship. The feature attraction was a mounted atchery contest. Horsemen than dered down the be 1 at a dead run, firing arnows into a target on the ground

"In the old days our warriors fought with bow and arrow," the Mir told us. "Many Harta, families have bows of home and towbide which are hundreds of years old."

The pert day was devoted to dancing. In the morning old men performed ceremonial figures, tripping lightly to the tune of pipe and dram. One red-bearded gentleman, who told us he was 98, did a gay aumber which resembled a sailor's hompipe

Sword duncing was the afternoon attracttion. Dressed in brakent Chinese silk robes. the Hunaukuts paired off, carrying leather shipping and curved swords, and littled the air with flashing steel (pages 502 a03). The entertainment ended with half a dozen of the Mir's pine children, wearing grotesque masks, performing a devil dance.

The next morning the Mir called us out on his balcony. There he presented Jean with a bolt of soft, white Hunza wool, hor me there was a Honza tobe of they wool

We get about 20 pounds of they would yearly," the Mir said. "I have one cobe made each year. I'd like you to take this one as a remembrance of your visit. But you must never wash it. Just throw a handful of moist sand on it, leat it lightly with a switch, and It will come them immediately "

I donned the robe, and the Mir ar i Ayrish. walked with us to our horses. We node off, and they waved until we were out of sight.

Phat afternoon as we crossed a particularly narraw bit of trail, I heard a sublen rumble The next moment a rock crashed agoinst my shoulder, and a shower of dart and stones fel-I west it down the mountainsi le. I shouted for the others to halt and kicked my borse (uriously ahead. The trull shock beneath



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Shetland and Orkney, Britain's Far North so

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BY ISOSPI WYLLE HUTCHISON

Lt is wed fed to the sea. From al nost every habitation in Liese breezy outposts of Britain the restless North Atlantic s visible. Some islanders never get beyond to read to or want to

"I won on't like to live shot in with trees and hills," no takens woman told me in the accepts of her island. "I chust couldn't

live where I couldn't see da sea."

fine marriage is a stormy one. Gales periodically basis the islands and whip the encirching waters into a frenzy. Breakers, striking rocky shores, rise in foam hundreds of feet; spray covers the islands, shrouding every object. Air and water seem one.

When a Tempest Strikes

"We all had salt on our lips that day," sald an island farmer, recaling the record-breaking storm of January 15, 1952. "Strangerst of all was the sea. The wind leveled it that as a table, but you couldn't see the shore for spray,"

A lighthouse keeper's wife, who has lestered to thany a tempest, told me that on that night the triumphing wind struck a note she had never beard before—'a high-pitched

sateam that was terrifying."

But such outbursts are rare. When I reached the Shetlands it was a golden April day, and quite balany. Though an the same lititude as northern Labrador, and as far north as you can go in Bertain, both Shetland and Orkney for the most part have a mild rimate. Warmed by the North Atlantic Current, they aften enjoy milder winters than those in the interior of southern England.

A weektay air service whisks travelers from Edudurgh or Glusgow to Shetland in a few hours, but I had no desire to reach this old stamping ground of the Vikings in such unsuitable fusion. Like them, I went by sea, boarding ship in Aberdeon barbor, I first glimpsed the gray old houses of Lerwick. Shetland's capital and largest town, through

и purtbole (map, page 522),

Lerwick dates from the 17th century and has been called Scotland's Venice. From the windows of its oldest botel, built not into the water, you see waves lapping round walk founded below tidemark. At right you may be waltened by the studien slap of water against stone as the tide swings. Gulls call all day around chimney pots, and a Shetland poet

greets the kittiwake in spring eastationBy:

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I watched an islander feeding a voraclous berring goll. The bird resented any inter-ruption, anguly squarking for attention while its patron talked to me in the quick island actents that are so difficult for strangers.

The oil Notes language is fossilized in hundreds of place names on the islands and was spoken there until about the end of the 18th century. Shetlanders still look on the Scottleh mainland as a little fireign.

"No, I've never been to Scrtland," a Scallowey man told me, and an Orkney farmer bussted that during the war he had three somserving oversess—one in Canada, one in Africa, and one in Aberdeen!

Base for Viking Sea Ravers

Lerwick is, in fact, almost espidistant between Bergen, Norway, and Aberdeen. Norse earls who ruled the Shitlands and Oraneys for three and a half centuries regarded their grassy holms (islots) and windswept, treeless pastures not as the nutlandish fragments of a continent, but as centers from which they steered their galleys south to explore the northwest angle of Scoth rd, which is still called by the name their gave it. Sutherland of "South Land,"

Earl Rogovald, who founded Kirkwall's nable Cathedral, still the glory of the Orkneys, thought it no tash venture to set sud for Spain, Jerasalem, and Constantanople. Inday the islanders, direct descendants of those back name of the land at Scots. Their blood, however, is usived with that of the Lowland Scots, name of whom crossed the Protland Firth long before the islands were joined in 1472 to the Scottish Crown by the macrings of James III to Princess Margaret of Denmark

The Princess downy of "60,000 Porins of the Rhine" not being all forthcoming, the Grown lands in Oraney were piedged for the remainder in 1468 and these of Shethard the following year. They were never redeemed and are today as much a part of Britain as the rest of Scotland

Lerwork was once the "Herringopolis" of

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far herring season in one record year

"I min I when I was a bev," said an old saider, "da houts were so thick in the Soon I you could very near wants on dem right acrass to Bressay yannder," and he waved towards the green estand which shelters Lerwick har on. "They came from and over—toward y Russia, Holland, brance for nothing of that now," he added sadly.

Herring steam drifters which enstead the sading boats are now I clay outed in turn by liesel vessels. These are more economical to run and can be converted to scine-net white" fishing you, ling, halfart, winter hadrock, etc.—when the herring season is user. Lerwick is will, however, an important fishing center; its vessels hadred in nearly \$772,000 worth of fish in 1952.

Levelck's narrow main street has no sidewalks; pedestrians must hop mainly late docrways when vehicles come past some corners, but accidents, apparently, are few. On Saturday aftern one the street is througed with shoppers busting in and out of thriving stores, make of which were founded by canny Shettand merchants a century or more and. Lerwick was a good place for shopping even in tationed days, as another local poet sings:

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Simigaling in Dark Passages

Lerwick merchants once were not above a act of smuggling in the shelter of their "lod-berries" small piers, usually with an underground passage to a store. These passages

are no longer in use (page 350),

The ancient To heath, or Town House, visited by Sir Walter Scott in 1814 when he was gathering material for his novel The Everc, survives as a mission to seamen. In its lower stury were housed prisoners, "who would now and then come out for a breath of fresh air and a 'drap o' whisky," and at the request of the constable would peaceably go hack again."

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wick's 5 500 people may choose from a closer different places of worship. Steep lanes lead up from Commercial Street in the old quarter to the New Town

Though Shetland's soft lacks the fertility of Orkneys, it is tich in peat (page 532). The pleasant seek greated as on the bare road for miles when we drove gross the thought to visit the old Notse rapital of Scalloway (page 529).

This was a base for Free Norwegian activity during World War II. From Scalloway end the wattime "Shetl and bus," small boats which carried secret agents to Norway on numer a during operation and brought back refugees. It even stirted reloces in distant blorids. At Mr. Churchill's request, three U.S. submarine chasers were detached from their base at Marri and shipped to the Clyde, to be manned by Norweglan crews for this dangerous run shetlanders marvered at their central beaturg, showers, activing fountains, and other crew on forts.

We found the little port strangely quiet. A few deliters sheltered at Prince Old Slipsway, for an icy gale which almost snatched our breath away was touring over the town.

Ponies, Shetland's Famous Export

But Shetland ponies at near-by Berry were grazing placidly. Apparently a no mile authors gale is nothing to these hardy animals, for they remain outdoors at year round.

The origin of these small penies is still obscure. Some say they were in the islands in the late Browze Age; others, that they came from Siberia by way of Norway in the 11th

century.

The "shelte" combines great strength with its small stature. Andrew Thomas Utoness, a Sheltand authority, tells in his recent book. The bhelland Isles, of an American sports promoter who issues an open challenger his Optional content in tests of strength, in leafs proportional to their weights.

The challenge was accepted by a man who kept his entry dark. At the last moment he entered the arena followed by what looked but a huge dog. But it turned out to be a Shetlan't pany, and with it be won the contest easily.

The Shethnal pony was the first pony to have its own stud book. Surefooted, intelligent, and easily handled, it is a most suitable

per mount for a child (mage 524).

It terril we us the Shetland pony's popularity has reached an all-time high, especially in the United States, where sales attract dealers from all 48 States and Canada. Bidding is brisk, and purebred stock brings fracy prices. At a Mesouri sale last May, King's XX, a champlon burness puny, loought \$4,000 and the top more \$1,525.

More than 2,000 breeding farms from coast to coast in the United States are a able to meet the dominal for the porces. The number of purented Shetland offspring registered in 1952 made a record, climbing to fifth place among the Nation's equine breeds. Registrations for 1953 are even histori

Near Lerwick I talked with a puny dealer and asked why the Shetland broad is so small.

'Centuries of hight feeding and poor pasture,' he said. 'Take them south and feed them up and they may be as big as others of their kind in a few generations.

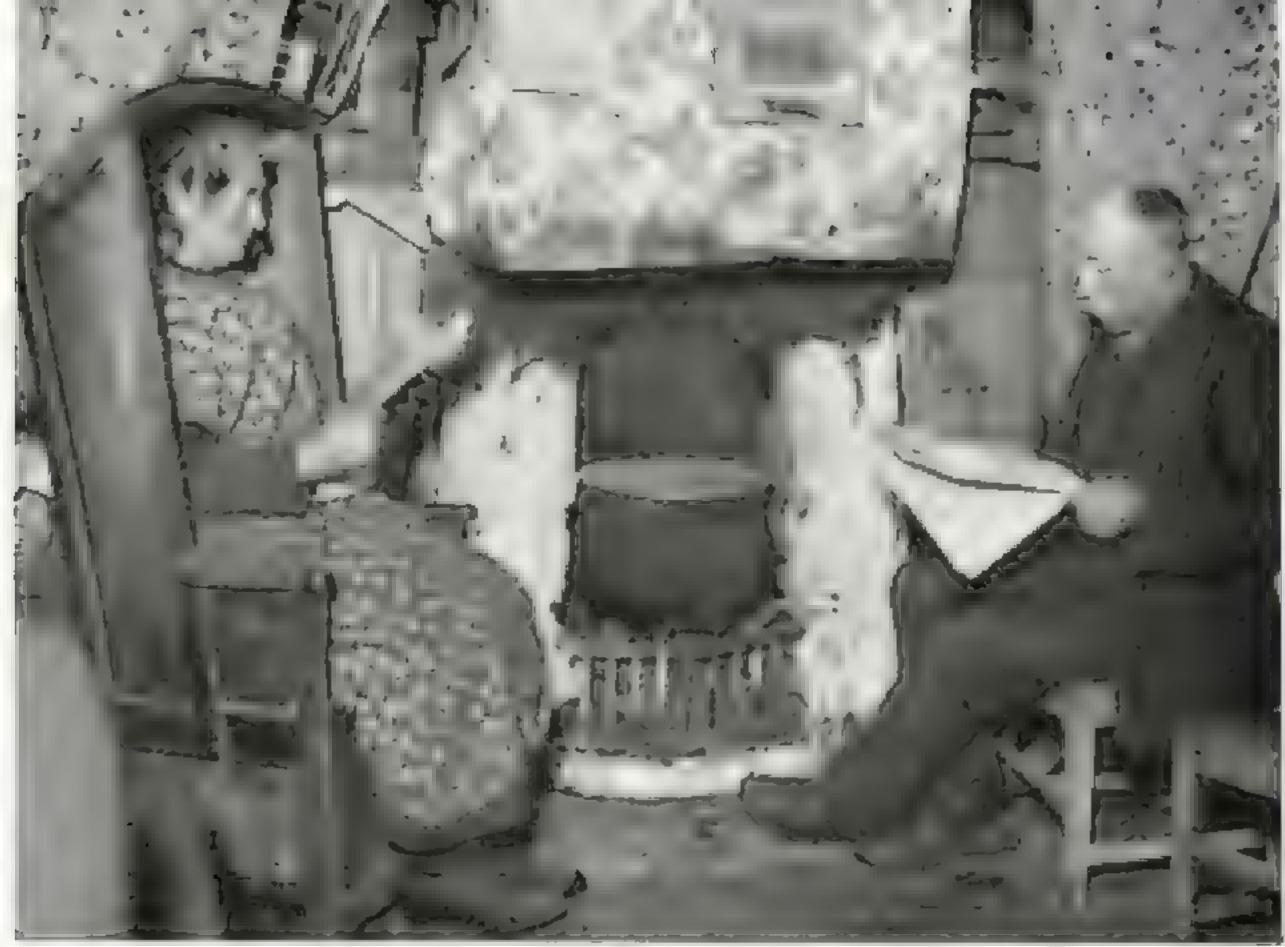
"Our pen es are getting air numbed," he added with a grin, "The last consistment for the United States left by plane tot long ago, and last year some American attors over here dow pet parties has k home with them."

The Sletland Islands also produce small sheep, which are gray, black, black and white, and "mound" thild chocolate brown). The latter are almost the same shade as the peat logs among which they wander, and it may be Nature's protective of the

Like the ponies, blietland sheep remain entidoors all winter. They cat heather tops and may be seen on the shores foraging for seawerd. Hind living conditures give them the wood; so sensitive is the

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Shetland's larger is and slie together so compactly that a daily bus-ord-ferry service from Lerwick links Mainland to Yell and Unst. The North Isles are also reached by the main-bout Earl of Zetland; on this Lout during meat-scarce 1946 I was startled to find a mutton thop on my breakfust plate.

My sister and I traveled to Unst Ly the overtand route, a 5-hour journey. The road winds over rolling monthand, into which long, narrow voes, or have, penetrate for miles. The trust becars we passed here and there were mostly a modern type, wood, brick, and concrete having largely replaced the older tratched dwellings of stone.

Peat stacks stand by the doors, and sheep and ponies grazed on the heather. Piped water and electricity are now being introduced and outlying districts of Orkney and Shetland, but many crofters already make electricity by small win lidriven henerators.

Going to Yell

At Mossbank we boarded a terry for a quick trip across the sound to Yell, a large island where many punies are reased. Here another has was waiting for the run to Mid Yell, where passengers for Unst transferred again.

Yell is the largest island in Britain still without a pier," said a passenger, "but they're building one at last at Mid Yel, that will take the Earl—and high time, too,"

Shetland's Norse place manes sound strange to visitors. I'ell, or Iula, comes from the same word root as Denmark's famous Jelling.

"Did you ever hear," asked my companion, "of the three ministers in a Shetland bas? One was going to Yell, another to Brae, and the third to Hould?"

We topped a rise and saw a strip of britliant through backing purple peat bogs, It was the well-marked Bluewall Sound, through which the tide runs strong and raises walls of water even on a calm day as North Sea and Atlantic Ocean weestle for mastery round the Shetlands. We crossed it in another mub choat and were in Unsa, Britain's northernmost Island. There was no sizable land now between us and the polar ice tioes.

The small island is of special Interest to geologists for an outerop of serpenting. Lean one is still mined at blanchiswick. Natura ists delight in the bird sam tuary at Herma Ness, and betanists in the "rare and curious plants" recorded by an early writer.

The first Flora of Shelland, published in 1845, was the work of a young Unst botanist, Thomas Edmondston. His discovery, near Baltasound, of a sandwort new to Britain (Account chiefa var. nortegica) at the age of

Il attracted the attention of Robert Graham

and Sir Wildiam Jackson Hooker

Lady Franklin visited Unst, seeking news of their husband's ill-fated Arctic expedition of 1845. Sir John's Last port of call had been at Stromness in the Orkneys. Lady Franklin, as please, and make the most of the call the call

We spent a week in a little rottage at Uyes, sound in the south of Unst. Our hostess, who had just celebrated her guiden wedling, looked after an invalid husband, her house, visitors, animals, and gurden and cooked, cleaned, and washed. She still had to carry all the water for the house in pails from a neighbor's, he the piped supply had not yet reached her. The soft light of oil lamps still lighted the cottage.

A traveling cinema visits the village oner a left of heart or less has no to to such diversions. She shawed as her own and her granddaughter's handwark of long, dark winter evenings—gloves as d scarces of bright shade and intrinstant retters.

shade and intricate pattern

Almost all Shetland women add to the family income by knitting, and Unst is famous for its "lace knitters," who work the finest wool. For "lacework" the wool is carred and span by hand, though spinning wheels and spinners are rare now even in this last of thost (pages 534, 535).

All other Sherland knitwear is of a heavier type, and the wool is sent to be machine-span

of Inverness, mostly, or at Brana.

The story that Spanish sailors weeked from the Armada taught Shetlan is inhabitants the bright shades and geometric patterns of their "hoslery" may be set aside. One supposition is that the patterns came from the Orient through Scancings in

Tule of a Frustrated Mariner

Life at Uyeasound is by no means dull All year unexpected visitors come to the contage, for there is no inn in the little handet

Some summers past one visitor was the hathormaster from Turshavn in the distort Facroes. He had set out in an open hoat on a summer evening to sail to Decimark—just like that! A storm nearly succepted him, but he was rescued by Shetland fishermen and arrived in Lyeasonard "flying his strange lag and was his face all crusted wid sait!"

This during viyaget set of tagain for Copenhagen, but again he was builted by weather and or itself to estimate or the part of the set which landed has at his destination. He still corresponds with his friends of Uyeasound.

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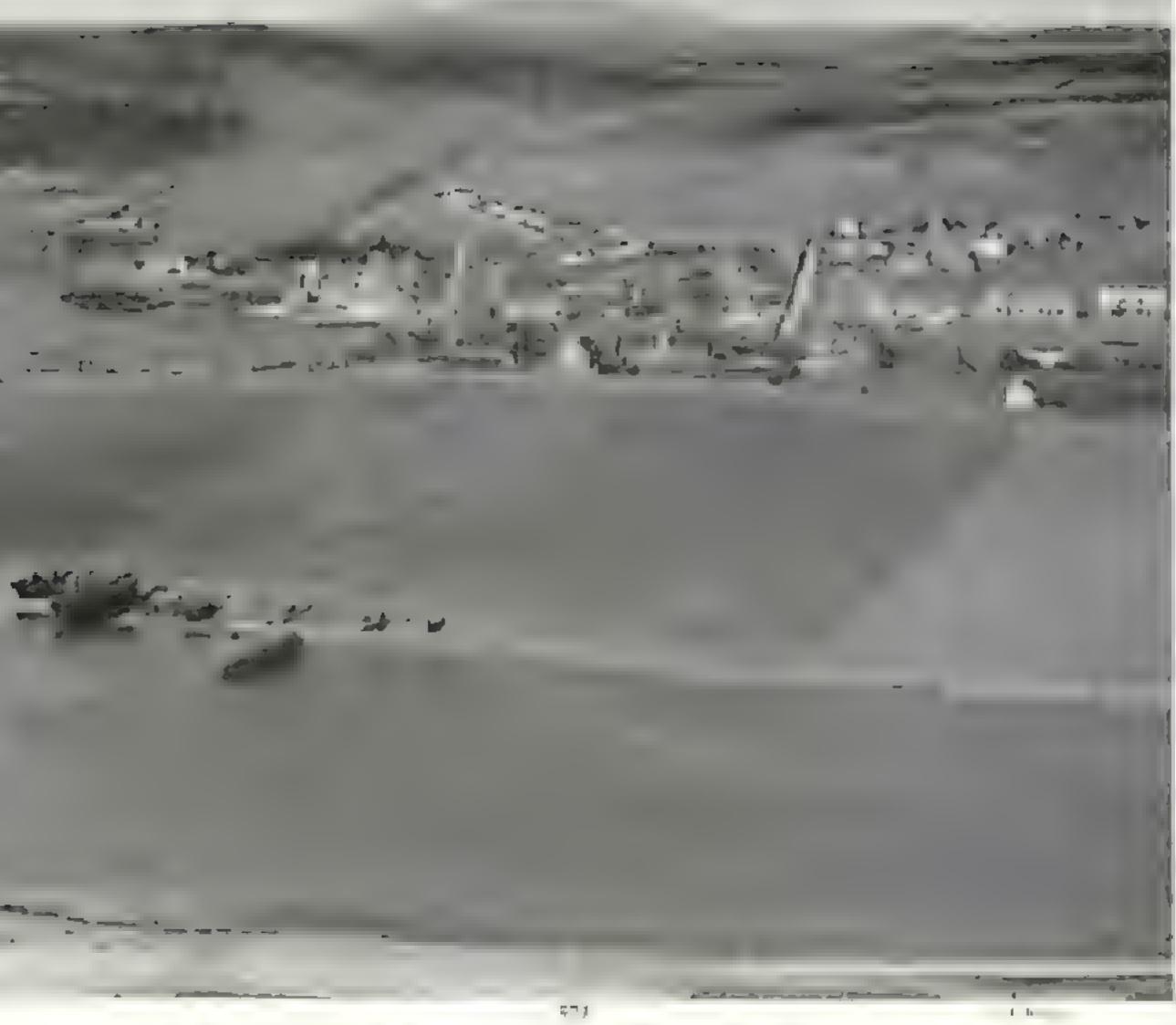
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Our Navy in the Far East

BY ADMIRAL ARTHUR W. RADECED, United States Navy

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At 1.5 great importance lies in the single overwardming fact that more than half the world lives there.

Add to this the military communents of our muto diassistance pacts, involving militure of people on the periphery of Asia, and the real or hard not who are deployed from the Sea of Japan to the South Ubing Sea.

The wante hats that both along Tokyo's broudway—the Ginea—and on Hong Kong's Idoacester Read are out there on Navy business the search of American interests in a score of widely scattered Asian places with names unknown to most of us a decade ago. (See the National Geographic Society's new map, "China Coast and Korea," a supplement to this isage,)

Our Far-flong Interests

American contact with the Fur East began with the opening of our trace there immediately after the American Revolution. Our interests were compounded when Commodore Perry opened Japan to the West 100 years are and amplified half a century later when Admiral Dewey steamed into Manda Bay.*

Saue the daning of the Japanese surrender on the Africani, our Asian responsibilities have been rendered infinitely more complex. The support of Seath button, paper, Character Formosa, the Philippines, and other important free countries on the fringes of Asia indirectly concerns the protection of an area and a population for larger than our own.

Only a nation with a powerful navy could undertake such an enormous task five to eight thousand miles from its honeland.

toy led is more than the limiter much role of keeping the wa anes open and supplying our troops. The blockade of North North, the pattel of a thousand miles of the China Coast, and the active participation of inst carrier task forces and the Fleet Marmes in the Korean struggle have added up to no small task. Yet these have been only a part of Pacific Command responsibility.

To picture the disposition of our Navy in the Par East, think of a giant hand articulated by a wrist that is blawail, headquarters of the Commander in Chief, Paritic Fleet, From Pearl Harbor Engers of operations, supply, and administration extend to several spheres of payal activity

Chief among these is the Naval Porces, Let Fast, which includes the Seventa Fleet tol in Japan

becond is the hig Marianas Command, op-

erated from Guam, the westernmost segment of United States sovereignty in the Pacific.

At Sangley Point, on the calm waters of Manila Bay, is the Commander of Naval hones, Philippines, who keeps a concerned eye on troubled Southeast Asia while directing activities at the naval base on Suaic Bay.

The crimaining forces are the lesser installanors on Formusa and Oxinawa, where the toutine patrols of the international waters of the China Coast are launched (page 552). These are administered from Hawati, but in the case of Oxinawa through Japan,

United States Naval Forces, Far East, is under the command of Vice Adm, Robert P. Brische, and its operations are directed from his headquarters at Yokosuka. Also from there, as a part of the unified command, he directs the strategy of the Seventh Fleet, and at the request of the Jupanese assists in building their delense forces.

On a recent visit to Yokomka I observed a squadron of American-made frigates flying the Japanese flag. I recalled that only eight years ago I had commanded a naval task torce bent on the destruction of the Japanese fleet. Now, here were ships we had given them for patrol and harbor defense. Moreover, Japanese crews are being trained by Americans to handle the vessels.

Yekosuka, only an hour and a half by rail south of Tokyo, was Japan's largest navaluate. It serves now as our Far East navaluations and a test area for crews on

The Author

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* See "The Yankee Sailor Who Opened Japan." by Festimand Lake. National Community Manager, July, 1973



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rotation from weeks at sea. Its dry docks, bigger than Sangapore's, can accept any vessel in our fleet. This 500-acre peninsula, cut of from the mainland by balls, has seen as many as 50 United States ships under repair or over hard at one time

The same civilian workers—so be 15,000 of them in Yokosuka—who ran lathes and pounded rivers for the Japanese Navy have proved willing hands in repairing American ships. And the base a machine shops 1,000-led hospital, and bousing facilities (7,000 Americans live there) were adapted with amaxing ease to our requirements.

All this constitutes an appreciable contribution to the Japanese economy. American spending is the difference between Japan's

survival and bankruptcy

Add to this the 20 mill on South Koreans, and there are almost as many people in the Orient directly dependent on our economy as there are Americans here at home. And to complicate tomorrow's economy, the United Nations will soon be faced with the problem of rehabilitation in Korea."

Liberty in Yokosuka

Norfolk, Long Beach, and Honoluki have recled under the impact of large liberty parties from the first. But they have never such anything like the 25,000 sailors, many fresh from patrols and the bomb line" off Korea who have descended on little Yokosuka from nech until midnight.

Liberty parties center on the Enlisted Men's Clab, where 27 000 sailors have been entertained in a single day. Free maties tun continuously in its hoge theater, while howers spar and weight-laters grunt in its gymna-

siam,

"The men try to squeeze 48 hours into 12,"

says the club's manager.

Tokosuka husinessmen have been quick to adjust to the recreational role. The time's few recreation spots of 1946 have bloss med into a neon-lighted strip a mile long and three blocks whic. Street signs are in English, and the loud-peakers so beloved by Japanese metchants bellow Stateside phrases. Sudors' dullars, converted to year to avoid black-market problems, are trapped by a multitude of shops.

We get on fine with the Japanese there. Capt. Joseph P. Thew, American communicate of the base, is a member of the local Chamber of Cammerce and of Rotary. Our personnel cooperate with the Japanese in many matters, even to teaching local police how to handle pistols in exchange for judo become.

"When I had a party for the mayor and 250 other people," Unptain Them told me, the played the plane and the rest drank Coxes and ignored the teat."

Not all Navy life in Yokosuka is lived to music. Many men stationed there waited bond months for American bousing. They finally paid exorbitant rents so families could ioin there in substandard Japanese houses among the mustard and peach blussoms of the surrounding hills, or on the graceful crescent beach of near-by Hayuma, where the Emperor has a summer home.

But the Navy in the Far East is much more than fereign place names, titles, and chains of command. The Navy is Americans trying to adjust the ways of Peoria and Phoenix to life at sea or in sandbaseed bunkers ashore.

The Navy is a sailor relaxing at the sodo fountain on a large combat ship, and it is not movie screens all over the wast Pacificarved with the latest films. It is weary eyes watering after hours of scanning a radiasscope, and righther blue hands exploring a found propeller in freezing waters.

The Navy is a Maxine belicopter landing at night in a pitch-black ravine to evacuate a coughing, be wildered truy with shrapnel in his chest. Always it is dedication to the eternal vigilance necessary to maintain Amer-

lean security in far phaces.

In rear areas the Navy is ware and families, too—schools on Guam, horossed mothers in isolated areas teaching Calvert bome-study courses, a ship's store on Formesa with shopping carts made of bamboo, and a Navy wife on Okingwa who turns a metal Quonset but into a bunchike model apartment (page 575).

Flying the 'Codish Line"

Inland from Yokosuka lies Atsuzi Naval Air Station where planes are teached of a Fibut. A four-hour flight from Atsugi on the "Codish Line" will deliver you over the Seventh Fleet wherever it may be cruising in the

Sea of Japan.

Landing directly on a carrier's flight deck. Codfish is the most unusual airline since the Army, Navy, and Marines operated SCAT from New Caledonia to Guadulcanal in the early, catch-as-catch-can days of World War II. Its name comes from the term "Carrier on Deck Delivery," or COD, and the line operates with no more amenities than the name suggests.

Flying converted Avenuers anywhere, anytime, COD plints make passengers wear tubber survival sads and offer facetious apolugies for the lack of comely stewardesses and chewing gum. Organized in April, 1951, COD has corried thousands of passengers to and from the fleet. Most were specialists,

(Text continued on page 547)

* See "The GI and the Eids of Korea." by Robert R. Mosier, Names & Geographic Massers. May, 1959.



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gency leave.

On y a part of the naval power available to us has been employed in the Korean War. Using the ships and men accessary to keep the fleet in balance with out a rand ground effort, we still have had much in reserve. This has permitted rotation of active vessels in the Pacific through Admiral Briscoe's command, together with many ships from the Atlantic and the Mediterrogean. In addition to harm done the enemy, the operational training has been invaluable.

Korea's geography was tailor-made for fast carrier strikes. Carrier planes could range the whole peninsula. But because the industrial northeast of the country was far from South Korea's airfields yet within easy reach of navel per, its destruction become

the primary task force target.

Highways and full lines forced a V north from Wonsan toward Mickelen (Shenyang) and Vladivestok have been among the chief Communist supply routes. The success of the carriers' work has been shown by the destruction of all major targets along both sides of this V within Korea. In fact, the job was so well done that for the past year teatly balf the carrier sorties have been diverted to close air support of our ground forces.

This may make the campaign amind too successful. Actually, while all profitable targets have been destroyed and leveled again when rehalft, Communist supplies continued to move south. Most have come after dark by except, and when they arrived the driver shouldered his gan and became a replacement, while the exchand its way into his fatious. Enemy supplies have been packed in small bundles, lashed to A-shaped mooden frames, and strapped to the backs of thousands of cooles, who trudged down the numerain passes under darkness.

Naval Air Supported Ground Forces

So, at the request of the ground forces naval air shifted its emphasis to bombing supply and build-up areas directly behind the enemy lines.

"We let 'em carry all that stuff down by foot if they want to," one intelligence officer remarked, "theo blaw it up where it family comes to rest, wasting 'em out in the process!"

Carrier air operations never fail to thrdleven an old naval pilot. There is the foll-threated howl of the jets as they are jockeyed toward the catapults, followed by the acramble of the deck crew under the plane to set the bridle. Then the crew rods clear, like so many agite tumblers, as the traft hurtles down the track. Finally there is that moment, repeated every half minute, as a plane

extends forward into the wind, when twervers a throbable on the track to a track watch the wings hite air as they clear the bow (pages 553-559)

In war, when a corrier sends off its final strike before rotation home, the ship has the feel of the last day of school. To brokk newcomers, departing crews point planes with thomes had "Fuel Hoe"

On the last day of his tour as Commander of Task Force 77, Rear Adm, Robert T. Hair, he had also a rear to represent the basis of their suggestions to draw up a final mission chart which proved to be their most during and productive assignment.

War Lassons Improve Carriers

Each new carrier, like Admiral Elickey's dagship. Orishary, shows technical and operational improvements. A moving stuirway carries cumbersome-clari pilots from ready room to flight deck (page 555). An automatic beliasman does better, in much seas, than a skilled quartermaster. Recalling damage to controls from Kumikaze hits, naval architects have fatted the 33,000-ton Oriology to be steered from any of six locations—with a portable belia the size of an ashtray!

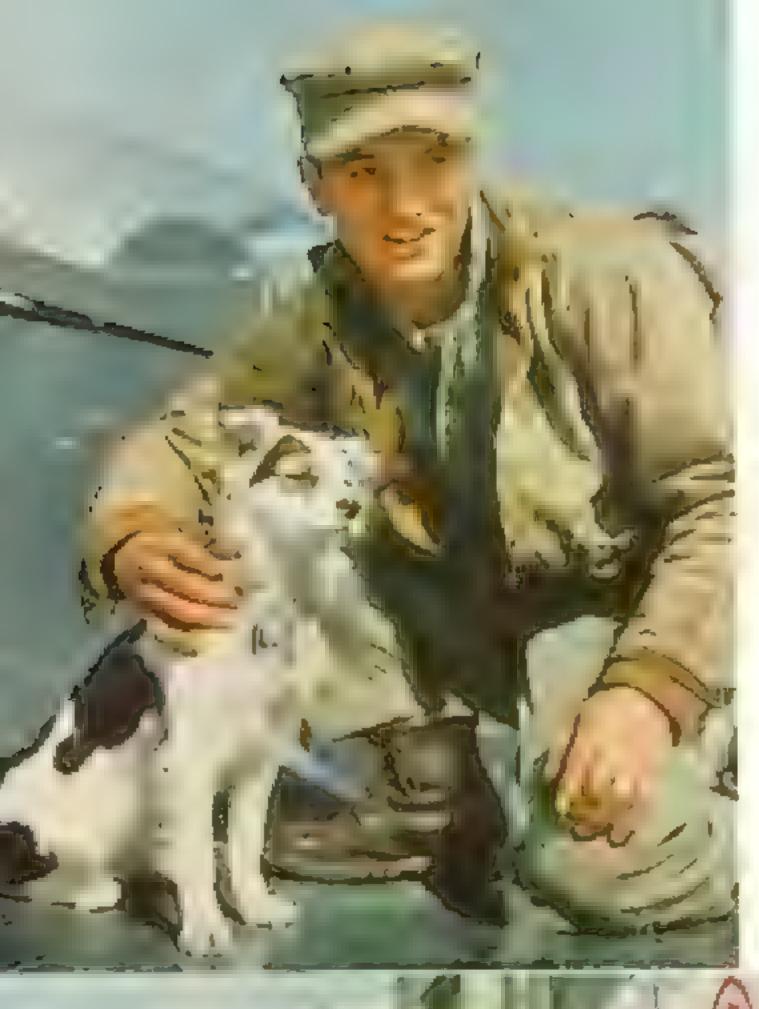
The searcity of nir opposition introduced when strange twists in the Kurean wat. Jets, for example, were no more effective in long-range boulding and close support work than the slower, piston-leiven Skyraider of World World with its bigger bomb load.

Ine speed of the Navy's Parithers fits them equally well for recommaissance and aerial combit. In one incident, two Parithers from the Oxiology excountered a thight of seven MIG's over northeast Korea, not far southwest of Vladivostok. Buth jets come bome, after shooting down two MIG's and a probable.

On the other hand, the ATI Skyrauler, workhorse dive bomber of the fleet, has been most effective as a fighter against the slow, propeller-driven a recall the Communists have used to beckle and barass our troops after dark.

It is a fast well-balanced fame capable of a sustained speed of latter than 30 km dated in combines the detensive gun power of many untiniverall buttalions with the high-flying offensive punch of its sleek lighters and bom sers. Screened against submarine attack by divisions of shark-gray destroyers bristling with depth charges and "bedge-bogs," and with at least one beavy support ship always in company, the force is the

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hard-hitting spearhead of the Seventh Fleet.

In the course of the Korean war, thousands of men have been transferred between ships under way by a sort of breeches buoy, called a "highline," that swings its passenger across the intervening sea in a twirting, swinging tage. An ana sement park operator would find this a thrilling substitute for the railer chaster.

With COD flights, belicopters, and highlines, there is no ship in the Seventh Freet

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During visits to the fleet, I have calted for a behoopter to move freely between ships as I would a taxi on land. Thus, in an hour I could move from a battleship to a carner and on to a tender for inspection.

Helicopter and highline have made the fully equipped hospital of a battleship impediately available to an injured man on the smallest mine sweeper. They also bring the shortha ided commanding officer replace-

ments when he are is them most.

For the Navy, Korea has home many parallels to the firitish-breach assault on the Dardarelles in World War I. There have been vast mine fields to sweep, concealed shore ratteries to engage; and the Communists, capying and improving on the Tarks at Gallipoli, have built coastal earthworks rather than old-style forts, knowing them to be power targets for an attacking fleet.

But amphibious operations have come a long way since World War I, and when we chose to invade the coemy's area through Inchan we overcame these obstacles without great

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Bombarding Enemy Shores

Surely the sensation on a battleship homburdang shore positions has not changed since World War I. Unlike smaller cruisers and destrayers, which are organized bedinn in roudant, about a battleship the control org impression is one of utter stillness, except for the occasional roar of the big guns and the louder, faster "slap, slap" of the 5 inchers.

Between salves there is no sound but the rush of the sea and the tankle and rathe of chemy fragments rish ing along the teak and ricocheture off the armor. There is no movement on the usually active deck but the splatter of spray from the bow wave and

the splash of probing enemy shells.

In the open sunlight of the bridge you think of the 3,000 men in the hull beneath you—men feathing boiler pressures, twisting the oials of the complex fire-content system, feeding shells to gues, or electronically reading the surrounding skies. You think also of buspital corpsner and bakers, damage-control parties and electricians waiting in dim

companior ways, listening to the muffled thump of guns above and wondering whether coemy fire may bring a lat.

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I accompanied Vice Adm. J. J. Clark, who has commanded the Seventh Fleet for the just year, into Wonsan harbor aboard a battleship scheduled to shell its defenses. He ships turned 45 gans on the enemy and tires nearly 200 tens of animumitian—more than was spent during many a history-making sea buttle in the days of sail.

The talk in the admiral's mess that night, after descussion of the day's action—common-place for destroyers, cruisers, and battle-hips of the Seventh bleet—revolved phout future task force operations and cooperation with the

Fifth Air Ferree.

"The Fleet Goes Where We've Been!"

While we were slowly crulsing to Wonsan harbor that day, fixing "call missions" in response to requests from Allied neld islands near by, aptly named little ships like Chatterer and Oxprey were performing the dangetous task of sweeping enemy mines. Fired on by Communist shore batteries almost every day, though seldom hit, dostging mines and sweeping mine fields, setting off heavy blasts with small-arms fire, the resolute cross of these venturesome ships have been heard to remark, "The fleet goes where we've been!"

In an assault landing, a sweep is led by a squadron of 40-foot MSB's (Mine Sweeping Boats) in echelon. The 10-man crews of these anarmored open traft performed with great pallanter in a feint landing at Karo on Kotea's east coast, where only enemy nerves were at stake. Nothing has alarmed the Communists more, or drawn more positional lank fire, than these purpose(a) MSI.

bearching for thating mines loosed in northem waters to drift south along Kerca's coasts, AMS's thusility Motor Mine Sweepers) had to clear the way for the day bumbardment of the coast by capital ships

Mother ship of the AMS is the utilitarian LSD (Landing Ship, Dock), affectionately known as "dog heat," Originally designed to transport and repair landing craft, the LSD is built with gates astern that open on a cavernous built-in day dock. This word, high five basketball courts laid end to end, has met many uses. The LSD Counter Hall (page 558), in her tours off Korea, has served variously as a compound for 4,000 presents of wat and a camp for a regement of Marines. The latter patched their tents and built their campfires right on the well leck of their seagoing town and

Ships like the LSD are but one element in

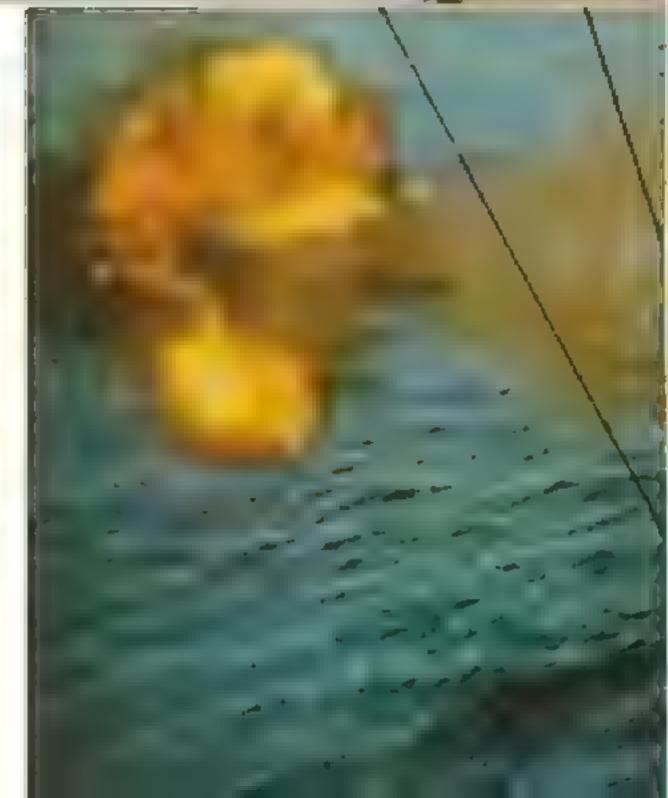


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the pattern of mobile support, developed by Americans during World War II and refuce a Korea, that has revolutionized mayal warfare. Much credit for developing the underway replecishment system goes to the Service Force in the Pacific. Current commander of these forces. Rear Acm. B. B. biogs. says. "We can support the fleet anywhere, anytime, from the Aleutians to Madagascar."

Supply of the fleet begins with the problem of stocking and controlling an inventory of 589,482 items. Fighty percent of the business is done in 20 percent of the "line." So mobile support units stock only the 80,000 things used most, plus some "insurance" items.

such as mines and torpedoes

Few Americans realize the truly vast costences of the Partic Ocean. Many Easterness, and storned to think of oceans in terms of the 3,000 miles across the Atlentic to France and England, are amazed that it is more than 7,000 miles from San Francisco to the Philippines, and have than 6,000 to Korea.

Headquarters at Hawali and to anticipate needs on the knowing bomb line by six weeks. Haman nature leads every ship to want a full stock of everything it can possibly need but, by careful analysis of rates of use and study of future operational plans, we were able to cut amount than deliveries by 50 percent without relacing combat theater operations.

Finiting Bases Follow the Fleet

Sasero (Saseka), a former Japanese navaluate pear Korea Strat in westerm out Japanes the port which has given logistic support to the fleet while operating off the bomb line. But few American warehouses line the Sasebowater front. As Admiral biggs puts it, With mobile support, the fleet is no longer tied to a pulm tree.

Virtually everything is utlout, from huspitals and machine tools to barracks and electronic repair shaps. Even small craft, the duries and gass, can be plaked up to LSD's and proved at a moment's ortice to buckner Bay or Subic, wherever fast-moving developments in the bar East maght dictate,

From the green bills surrounding Sasebo barbor you could watch the nulk run start as the supply train got under way, salled past swarms of vessels—many flying the varied large of the United Nations—and insved out to sea for its togular ten leavons with the fleet. The peut day, somewhere off Korea, the speeding formation of battleshaps, cruisers, carriers, and destroyers would slow for the seek to our success in mobile support redefishment at sea (pages 538, 544, and 577).

En route, this replemshment group would strain the strait past Tsushima, seems of the

disastrous Russian naval defeat by the Japanese under Admiral Togo guring the Russo-

Japanese War of 1904-05,

Standing on the bridge of a carrier like the veteran Princeton, you watch her go alongside an older and hear shotgams crack as "messenger" lines are shot to the clutter of ration crates, bombs, mail sacks, and repetit parts on her deck. The light lines give way to heavy ones for the transfer of cargo and of hoses that pump oil and aviation gas to depleted carrier tanks.

Striking Power Boubled

By such means a carrier can be readled to fight again in four hours. Dry cargo moves across the lines at 100 tons an hour, five times as fast as stevedores can handle it across a riock. Communing officers say they prefer to replenish at sea.

The practice, moreover, is one of the best things that has happened to taxpayers since World War II began, for one task is tre can do

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Unly the crew's morale or hardle damage requires a ship to return to port. What is more, mobile support reduces the need for a

multitude of share bases,

Replanishment Lours give the first a change of pace. And the lostle of the hanger deck, certain scenes are remembered—a satior, with an nirmal envelope between his teeth, leaning against a 2.000-pound bomb and reading a letter, or a boatswain's mare in a battle helmet trying to make the shall call of his anachronistic pipe beard above the music of the ship's band on the flight deck above.

If you transter by surging, swinging highline to the decks of the oiler USS Campon alongsple, your find men hard at work rolling annualition into shows, breaking out childed meat and vegetables from rector baxes, or hading on highline hawvers in a hearty fashion

that recalls the days of sail.

Measure the service force mobile support effort this way. During the Korean War more than 3.000,000 tons of dry cargo were moved across the Paritic to the fleet. That is more than moves overseas through Los Angeles both or in a year. In addition, 400,000 tons of aromanition were delivered.

135 Million Christmas Letters

Mail is a big and important item in the Navy, much of it thought by and. Lost Christvar- a one post of ices of the Pacific fileet decred 135,000,600 others.

Supply is more, however, then food and amtounition, total and paint. It is recreation, character, and beath as well. The Navy's the distribution system has put the latest

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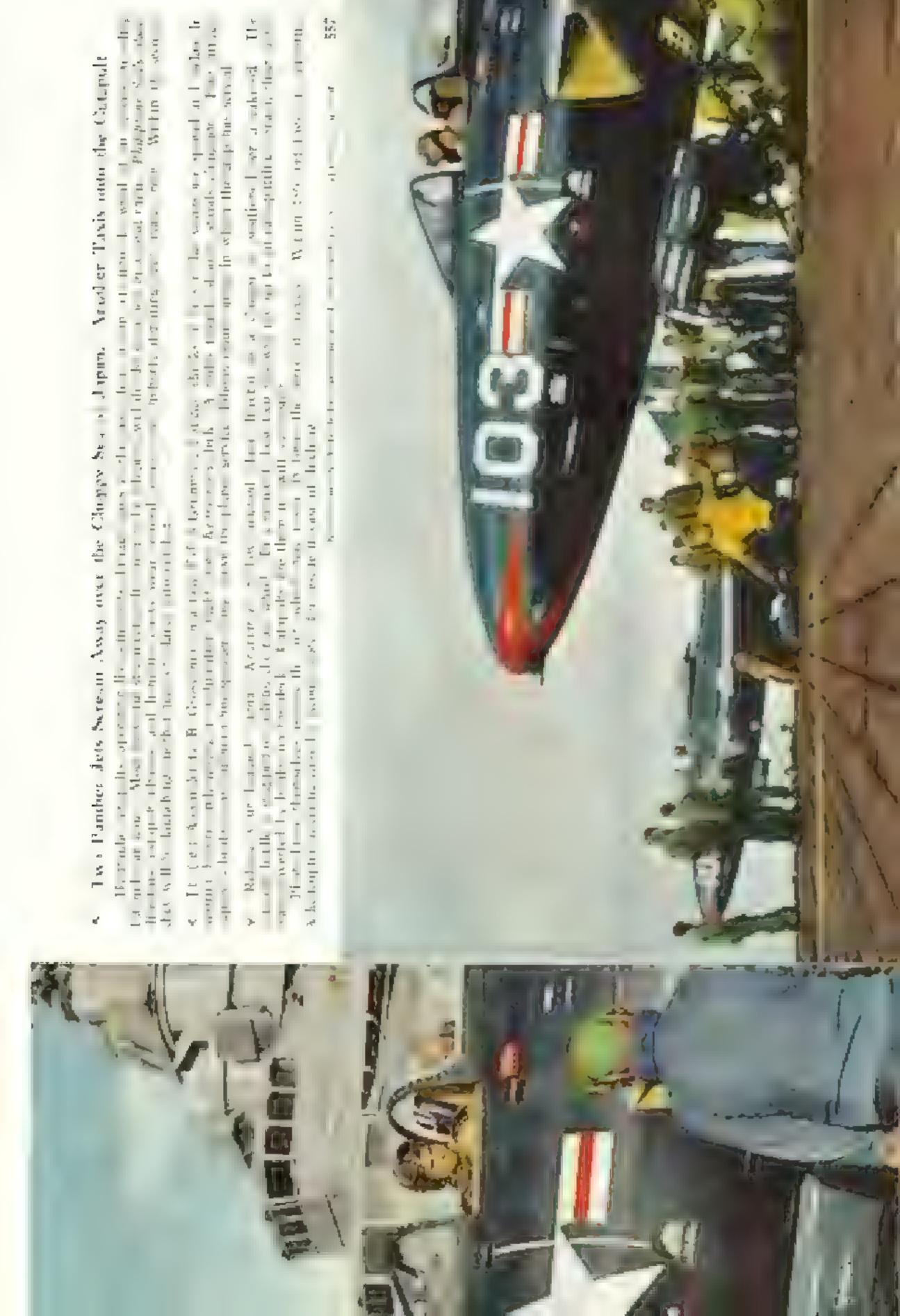
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Through a system of "circuit-ridir g ' chaplagus, who shuttle through the fleet, religious counsel fear hes even the smallest chaft. Navy medical uniters and dentists was hithe health of a quarter of a million Americans in the Pacific; and Navy ships facily equipped with laboraturies for the analysis of new and alien diseases have helped stamp out epidemics on South Korea, Okinawa, and the Philippines.

There buve been substantial enterages in the ung cution of supply as well as command since World War II. For example, the 1st Marine Division and 1st Marine Aircraft Winu ashore in worea were supplied rations through

Army sources

Going futo action in August, 1950. Marine ground forces were not relieved until May of this year. At the cast, Maj. Gen. Edwin A. Parker's command, which covered a 30-mile front embracing the "low-level" invasion ratte to Seoul and the Fannunjum area, numbered more than 30,000 men, including 5,300 KMC's Imembers of the Morean Marine Corps). Of the Americans, about half were regulars. General Pollock refused to make the distrithus. "Once they're Marines, they're professionals," he says.

Asked his opinion of the newly trained KMC's on his left thank, the general replied, 'I feel secure. Taose fellows are fighters, and they're just as print of being Marines. as we are. We have to be very careful to call them KMC nather than ROK. They insist on our camoutlaged-type of heliaet, and they we even set Korean words to our Marine

I i - just year you have read much of the War ies fighting for outposts with names. Joke Causon and Vegas, and hills like Punch Bowl. Once trule talks beent, action was Januted to an aggressive defense. All that could be contended was control of the ground

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having immediate tactical value for artillery observation or barassing fire. Most of the

skunnishes occurred at night.

Battalion commander Lt. Col. Henry Lawtence, ware asked if his share of the line would hald against on all-out Communist attack, said, "Sit! If they'd only try just t kit. All we need is to get at them!"

Marines Supplied at Night

It was a Marine tule that every man in the line share in some aggressive patrol every mur days, but parties sent out to man an outpost stayed a week or piore. The outposts were supplied with ammunition, fortification materials, and mult at night through miter fields. The mail was barned when read, lest It fall into enemy bands,

Marane planes have been fully integrated with the Fifth Air Force in Korea and have often been assigned to close support of the

Marine-to ki parties of the line

When I discussed the effect of Korean geography on air operations with Maj. Gen-Verman E. Megee, Commander of the 1st Marine Airgraft Wing, the general said, "It is good in one way—the mountains fume milrough and highways to follow the coastline or the few vulleys, so we know where supplies are maying. But it a bad in that all these hills look at ke from 20,000 feet at 600 miles an hour. The lark say it's not like terrain at home, although I think it's like the brown faotbills of Arizona,"

To help pilots find their objective, relief maps were molded from papier-mache for all enemy-held Korea. Strapped to a fiver's thigh, these realistic models have been a great aid in fixing objectives confused by snow base, and the shidows cast by the hills them-46 1705.

For close support work, the Marines have used experienced and specially trained pilots who were sent to forward ground o servation posts to talk flights onto targets. They knew the problems of both pilots and ground

TOURS.

Listening in on these tactical tadio channels, I have heard such centers guiding flight leaders four miles above to pinpoint targets. I have also heard the last words of a riket bailing but of his jet, and ships of our block wirse have reporting the coordinates of an chemy bout detected by radar. War today is waged by electronics and techniques.

A Marine photo-reconnaissance squadron, flying jets from a South Kurean airheld, age the collect field from with tames like Cyrano and Durante—thele poses are extended to hold a battery of Campetas and trange finders as long as a man-Marines have mapped up to 5,000 square



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miles of Korea in a day. Excluding overlaps, his would cover a part two miles with from

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Matthe aviation in Korea provided many contrasts. I recall a secret underground control center where, amost magically, the course of every plane over Korea was traced. Standing in a wind swept wheat field overhead I watched a stolid-fixed Korean till the crysoil with a wooden plan unconstitute of the natively beneath his feet

Near a depricing but, where aviators report the results of their mission, I saw a returned pilot, still in his crash belinet, indulging in his latest amusement in a cold and barren feld. With any outstreet had, he was turning slowly while bolding the wite that controlled a model airplane in flight.

Helicaptere Performed Near-miraeles

Navy men off Korea have often used their space time constructively. One hanther photo pilot, dissatisfied with the detail in the pictures he brought back, felt there should be some way to compensate for jet speeds to bring depth to arrival photographs, which are connectentically flat

The pilot and o machinist's mate workenights after combat and finally came up with the first successful image-commensation camera. Its details one still secret, but the result is pictures so clear that targets stand out

as never before,

believeless have continued to perform neurmiracles daily. On one of my nighttime visits to the front two nurines were wrunded near by. In the time it took to examine and dress their wounds, a "held" arrived, and, guideconly by flates, landed in the dark and was ready for their examination. The me wal officer said they would be under surgery on a hospital ship less than an hour after being but (pages 503 and opposite).

A Marine requiremt in combat was susplied for three days entirely by a flight of below to hist Christmus General Pollock was alle to visit some 20 units in his communication are day. The trip, he said, would have taken a

week by jeep.

ingentity has not been confined to combat problems. For any sailor or marine, the first title of war is to be as comfortable as circumstances permit while waiting for something to happen. Thus mortar casings become chimneys, and old tin cans are strung to serve as doctorles in marine disposts.

but if A pericases have found modest comforts in Korea, they didn't get them from local resources. During much of recorded history Korea has been a battleground for alien forces. Food in the beginning, the country is now bereft. The most sample rechirements, such as timber for fort funtions and ice for messes, come from Japan.

Civilians by the hundreds of thousands have been liftled during three years of war. There are more than 130,000 war caphans. Though the United Nations has already spent vast sums on an energency relief program, usone than hulf the millions of relative from the morth are so I jurneless.

Under the trace our Army, Navy, and Air have will operate pointly, as they have in wat. Cooperation of forces under joint command has worked well a Korea. The air has been completely integrated. The Air hours medium bombers, whose great value has been impred by the confined computages have been esported by Navy and Marine Jose as well as the fighters of their own service.

American light carriers have retated assignments without regard to flage. Bertish, Australian, Carmilian, Commbine, New Zealand, Thritand Netherlands and Smoth Korean destracers and trigates formed a large segment of the west coast blockade force. Ashore, Marines and United States and Alled ground forces have been deployed under American Army commanders with little reference to uniform or nationality.

Just as a stable, free Rocca is essential to our protection of Japan, friendly lonces on thinkwa and Formosa are essential to the defease of both Japan and the Philippines.

Planes Patrol Ching Coast

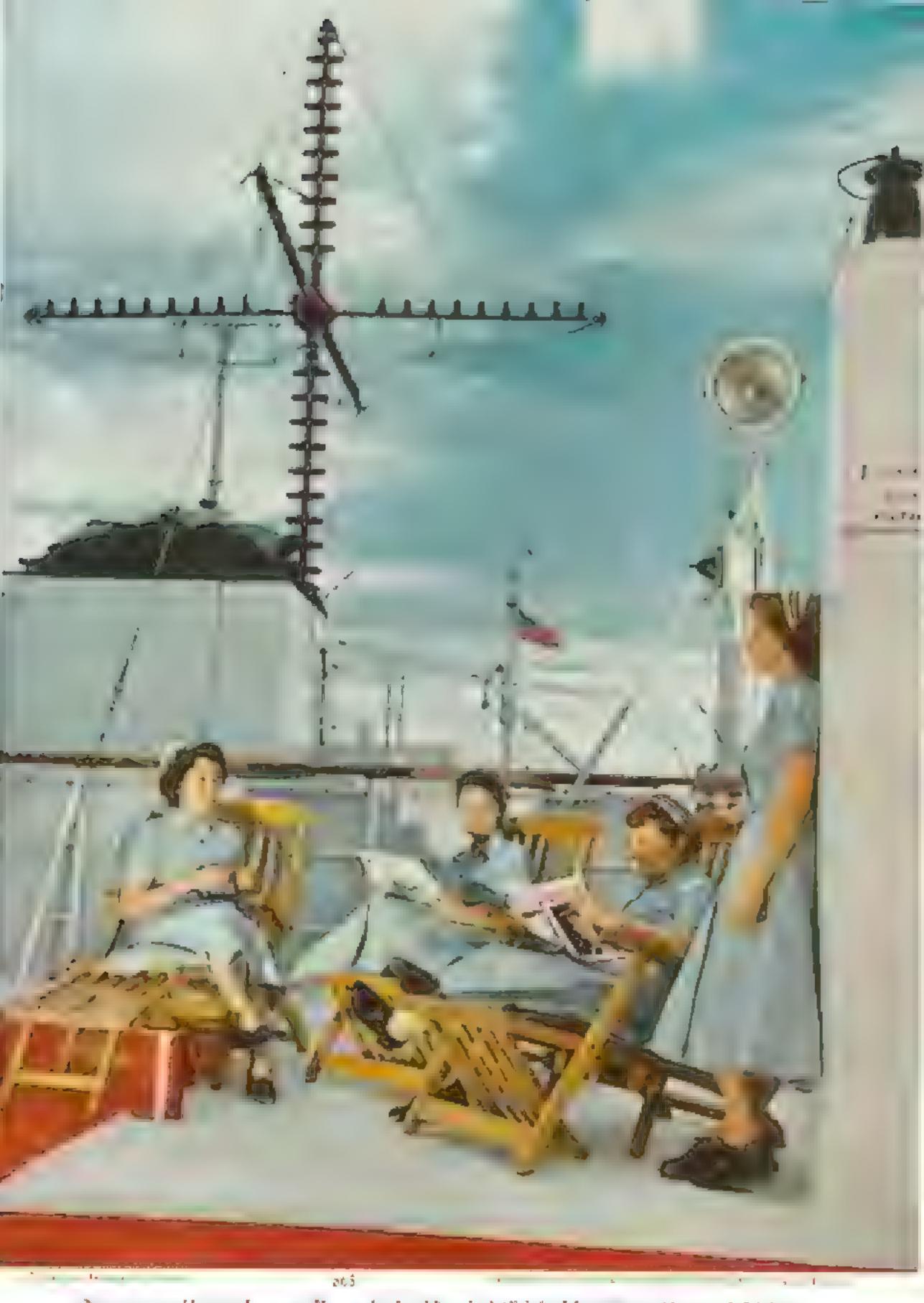
With its blue-tied airport terminal, in him highways and typhnon-proof harracks the southern end of the long, narrow is and all Okunawa appears as American as the caree-in theater. Primarily an Air Force center, then away is also a base for the naval patrol of Formesa Strait.

Like Sasebo, Buckner Bay has the facilities to serve in the mobile support of the fleet if action should develop in Southeast As.

From Okinawa's Kadena Air base twong ned Neptunes have been taking off or grueling 14-hour, they and night searches of the waters off the China Coast. Their primary purpose is to detect in its early stages may assault against Formesa by Red China. But a profit thie by-product is the disclosure of saips and three trading with the Chinese Communists (page 562)

Little escapes these talus-equipped Neptures, which fly low to photograph, identify, and plot every vessel passing through the They have made more than 1,000 such inter-

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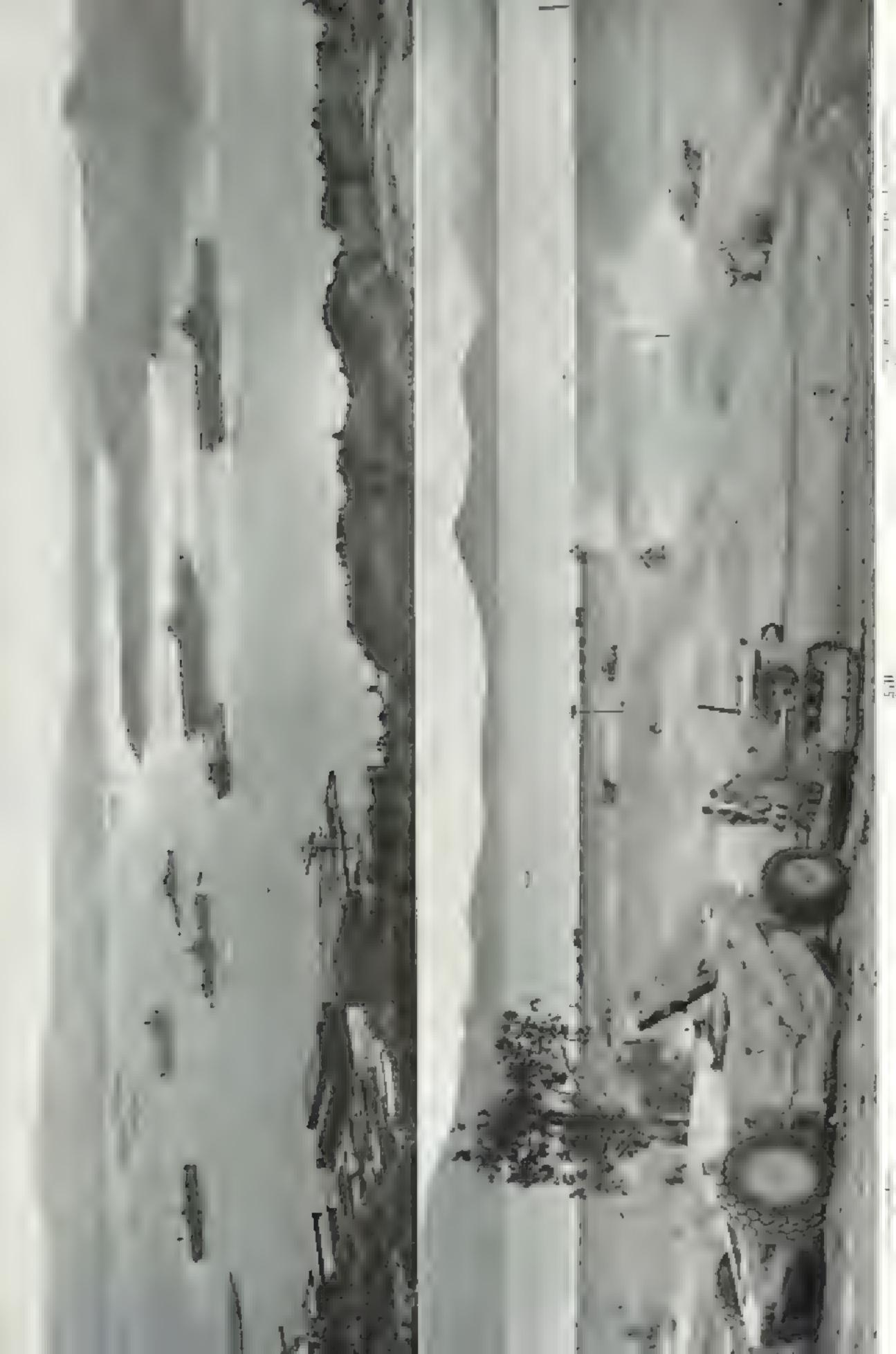
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His current responsibilities are divided between assistance to the Philippines in building coastal-paint land haring-defense forces and the cever propert of our base and new

naval air station on Subic Bay.

I dew with Admiral Cruzen across Manila Bay and the plains of Pampanga to Subk not long ago. With us went Capt. Chester Suith, of my staff. As we circled Corregider, viewing the charted reminents of worehouses and coast-artiflery butteries and the chalk-white Malinta Tunnel cotrances, he pointed out the inlet where he surfaced his submarine four times during the historic siene of Bataan to deliver supplies and to exactate women and write led.

In the calm of a bright tropic merning we flew on over Mariveles and other Battans villages reminiscent of those strong times. Forests on the peninsula still showed marks of shelling, and, as we approached Subjected hulls could yet be seen, rusting in little coves.

We landed at Cubi Foint, where a big new taval ar station is being carved from the mountains that ring Subic Bay. It is an answed place for an air base, but it offers the operational warmes of an airstrip on deep water, where carriers can unload their 'duds'—planes so budry damaged they can't be flown ashore.

Scubces' Biggest Jub

Cabi Point is the biggest earth-moving job ever undertaken by the U. S. Navy. It has occupied 3,000 beabers in the bandon forests and swamps of Sulic Bay two years. Using World War II equipment, they will forally move once them 23,000,000 yards of fill maddrelee a carriet anchorage and a seaplane harbor in the course of the job.

In their tent camp overlooking the swirling dist that now characterizes that Point a the dry season, the Seabers have mankeys and pythons as prix, build charte furniture from near-by stands of malingary, and have their second movie show at 1 (2) quar, when

the swing shift comes off.

On Some Boy also is the Navy Bose and native village of Clongapo, both leveled by Japanese in the early days of World War II. The town is included in the area retained by ogter pent with the Philippine Covernment,

and is under Navy jurisdiction

white's officers have made Chargapo's administration their hobby. Froudly they point out that its infant mortality is the Philippines' owest and its water the purest. One officer, while on duty there, organized Sumbay parties to scavenge lumber for a creic need. Today you see the result in a modern, building—Jackson High School.

A 1,700-mile are drawn from Subic em-

brares Japan, Korea, Fermosa, Hong Kong, Indochina, and Malaya, and with them the historically strategic cities of Dairen, Shang-bas, Victoria, Hanol, Salgon, and Singapore, in case of necessity, Subic as a base could lend motific support to the fleet in any of these areas.

Rosenius Guzen Goes American

Backing up Saseho, Buckmer Bay, and Subic is Guam, where any Fur Fastern operation could be staged. There Americans and Fills I for laborers now outparaber natives, and the Nusy occupies a third of the Island. Guam now is ensuring from the Quonset period; myriad buts give way steadily to concrete barracks and stucco homes.

With so much building. Guam at times is labor-short, despite Seances, civiliza construction workers, and the hitpin is. Rear Adm, Ernest W. Litch, commander of the Mutianus, says this has so inflated where rates in civilian enterprises, such as clubs and restations, that Guamanians demand and get better rates than west coast workers in sandlar establishments.

frozingss at the Navy Exchange reflects the presence of wives and children. Blugest demand is for utensils like cheese graters and garbage pails.

American children venturing in the hills after school still find old Japanese machine gans and unexploded shells. The latter keep

lamb-disposal men busy.

Athletics are the major outlet for enlisted men there. Competition is keen, and winning teams travel from Japan to San Diego in intra-fleet tournaments. Stateside sports are eagerly followed. Because of time differences, they are usually rebroadcast some 10 hours after the event, lending an unreal are to the otherwise American scene.

It is a long way from Guam to Hong Kong, but like every other Navy man in the har East, those stationed in the Maxianas hope

to make at

The quiet, the good food, and the European of this hote know contain him that the Crown Colony should become a major rest and recreational center for men and officers of the fleet. In recent years American ships of every description have rotated even more frequently through this colorial port.

When the now fimiliar lines of an American ship show up in the entrance to the harbot, "walla-walla" brats—water taxis—put out from Victoria and Kowloon with Cokes and jack, shueshine hoys and tailors. By the time the anchor is down, scores of (raft are justiling for position by the sea lackber (page 550).

The measured, pleasant life of Hong Kong's European residents goes on seemingly undes-



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Buttleground of Ideas

Visiting there can become aware of the Communist planning, begun years ago, that has some most of Asia for the Soviets. You had at the followed World War II. You plan that has followed World War II. You plan in Alexandra to communities all over Asia. System of youth organizations, posts cal commissure, and study centers devoted solely to the Communist Idea. And you was declared that the Communist Idea. And you was declared that the Communist Idea. And you was declared to the communist Idea.

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National Geographic Map Shows the Troubled Face of East Asia

2,300-mile sweep of the Far East, standed with place names of historic and tragic significance, appears on the National Geographic Society's new 10-color map, "China Coast and Korea," distributed with this issue to The Society's 2,150,000 mem or families throughout the world."

The map should be used for reference while reading the article, "Our Navy in the Fat Past," by Amorral Arthur W. Randord (page

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bo timely is the map that readers can hardly point to a section of it that is not featured in recent or current news cospetities.

Look, for example, in west-central korea. There is Farmunjum, we no of the trule parteys between VN and North Korean negativities. To the sents is Seoul, capital of Prevident Syngman Rhee's Lattered repulsic.

Korean Cease-fire Line Shown

A red rease-five late, winding across Norea from the Sea of Japan to the Yellow Sea, and often the 2's-mile-wide butter some established by the truce signed July 27, 1953, at Panner of and costly fighting, many of them bearing unforgettable GI mames such as Heart-leeak Ridge, Bunker H.L., the Punch Bowl, Spiper Ridge, Old Raldy, and others.

Indochina's northert most corner noses into the lower left section of the map. I acces there, such as the French stronghold Hand, and Dien Ben I hat also were linked with active war. Actually not a country, Indochina is merely a geographical term emittacing the three Associated States under the brench Union—Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Laos.

Most of the fighting between Communist forces and the French and their total addes has occurred in Viet Nam. Here, in the tire-rich, thickly populated Red (Ruge) River Delta, which appears on your map, as many as 1,410 persons crowd the square fitte.

The man shows the three maint offsnore gardients serving as springhoards for Chinese Nationalist gaeralla taids on Red-heb. territory. These are the Tachen Liehtan (Archipelago), Matsu Tau (Island, and Quemoy and Little Quemoy. Chang Kai shek's Nationalists also held some 3d smaller islands off the Fukien-Chestang coast, plus bormost and its 13 offshore islands and the 64 Pescadores (Pergha) in Formosa Strad.

The Communists recently massed a strong force on the Cheking coast, only 12 miles from the Tachen groups, and began exploratory attacks on that island complex.

To produce the map, year Society's cut-

tographers worked \$,337 man-hours over a 6-month period. Many problems were encountered; among the thornest was that of place-name spellings. Tientsla, for example, may be spelled also as Tien-ching. Tienching or Figure up shift: For Fenki, in Manutaria, there are a casen other spellings.

Since the maximum size of the usual supplement map is fixed by the size of the presses, the only way the cartographers could increase the map's scale was to put China on an angle (note the start of the meridians). This way the scale became me inch to 35 miles. It would have been only half that had China tight shown the usual way, with north at the top.

The may is constructed on an oblique Mercator projection computed for the great circle running northeast through the center of the map. Mong this line distances are mathematically accurate between Hong Kong. Stangual, Scoul, and Madivostak. Since the whole strip extends only about 10° to each side, the maximum variation within it is only 1% by trent.

It is significant that if this 20" step were extended or and the globe, it would include Singapore on the southern tip of Southeast Asia and extend in the opposite direction to entrace Kamchatka, part of Alaska, and pass over Seattle, Washington. A ship s or a bon ber's shortest operse between Occident and Orient is directly along this strip.

Mountains in Two Colors

Mountains have been should us one and yellow there on the shadow side and yellow on the light, assuming the light comes from the northwest. Such a color scheme is particularly useful in this instance, for mountains longested the map's land area

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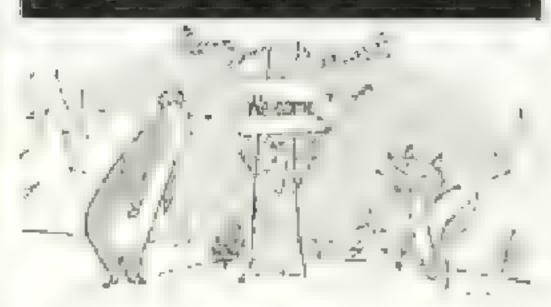
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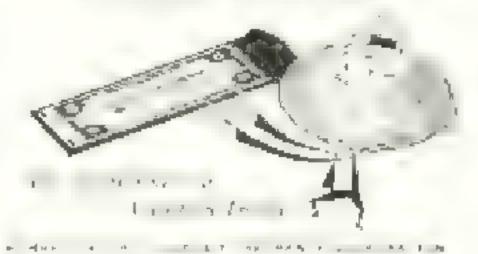
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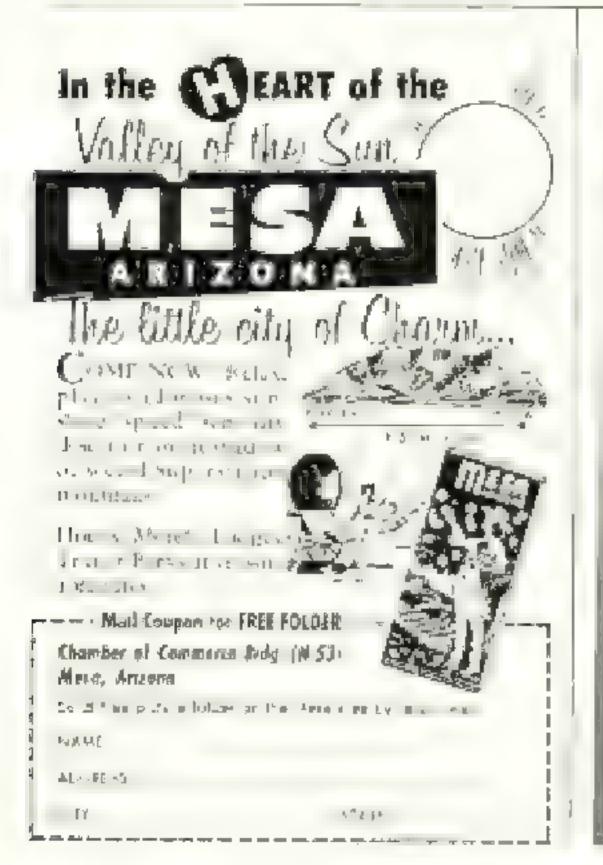


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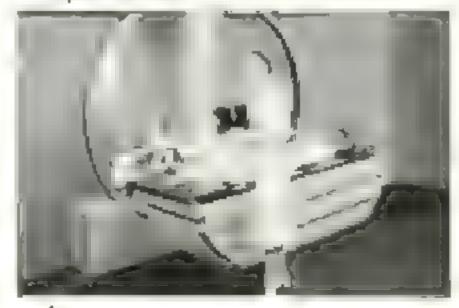
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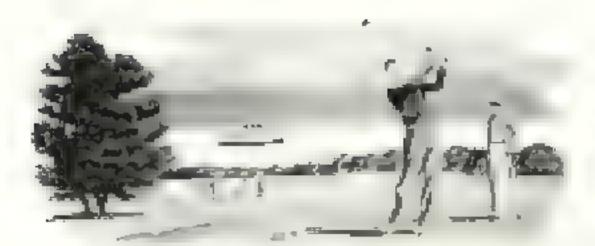
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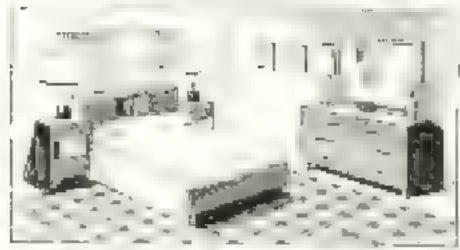
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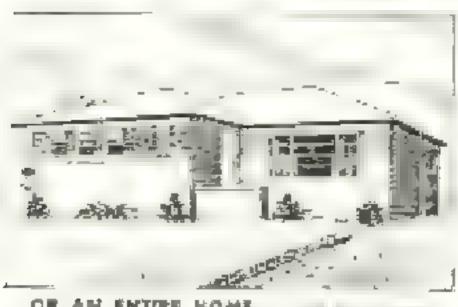


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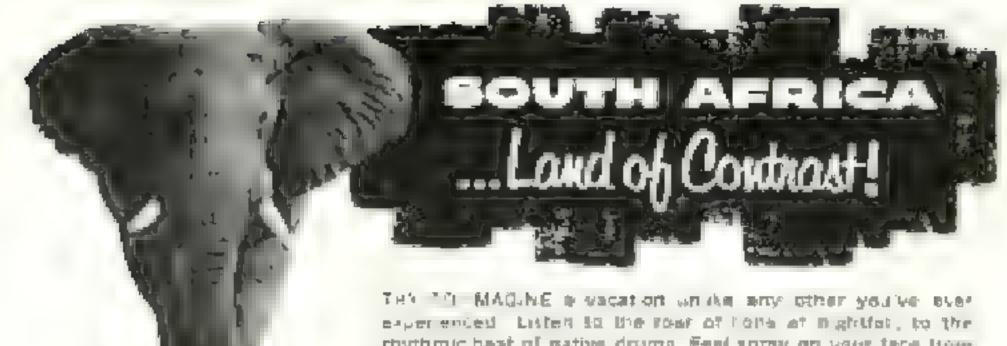
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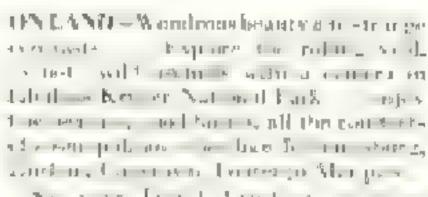
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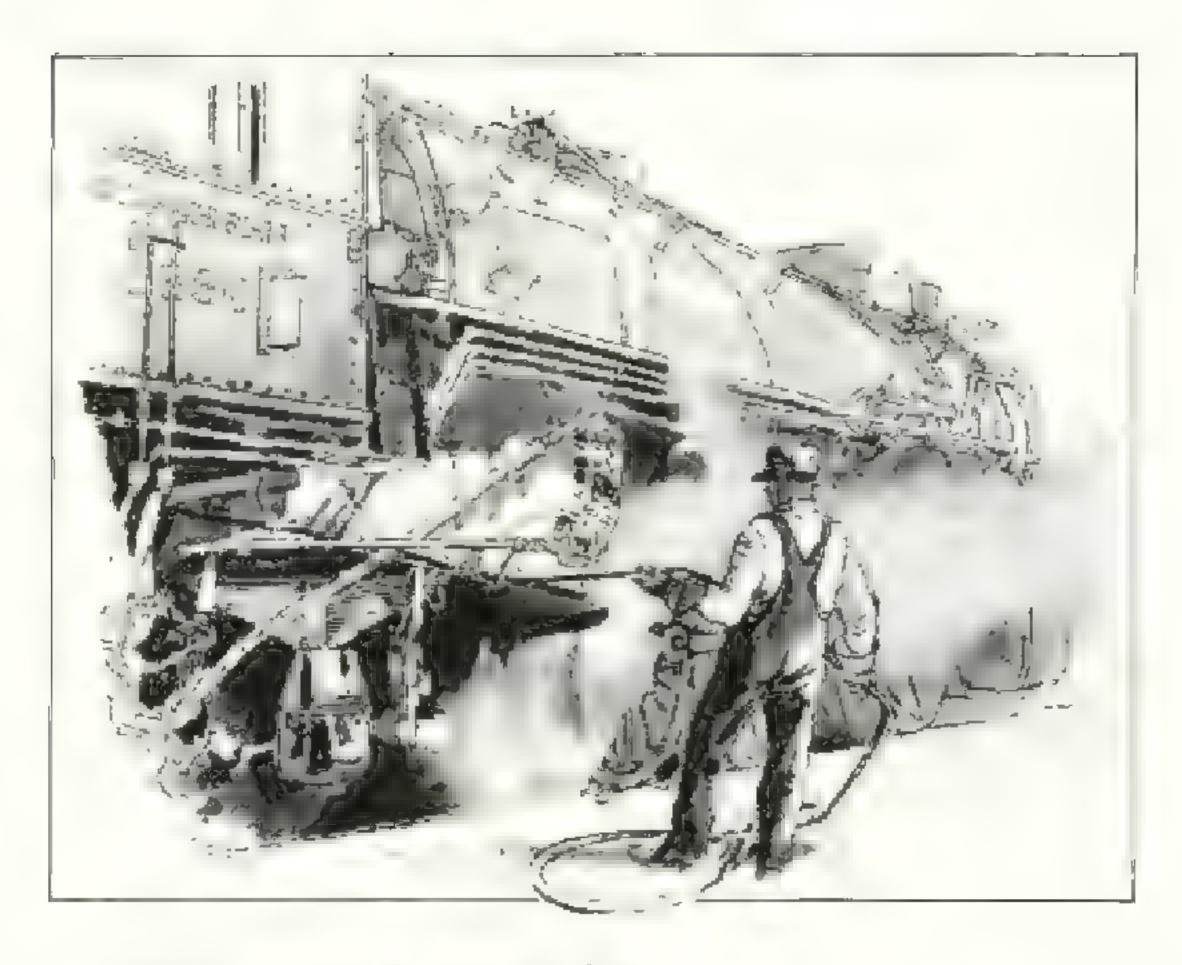
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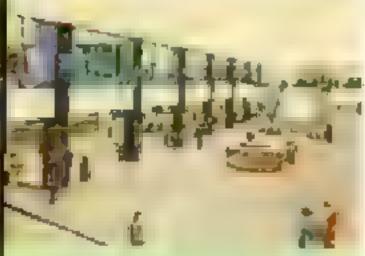
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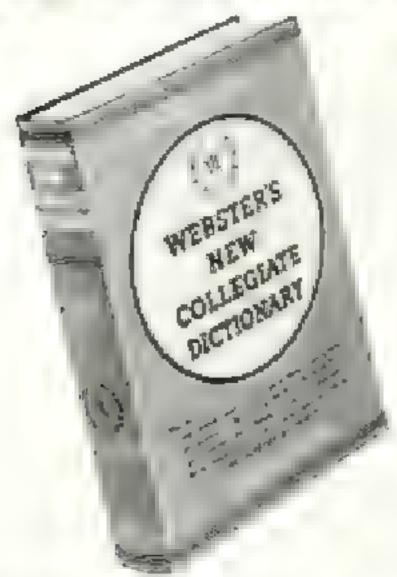
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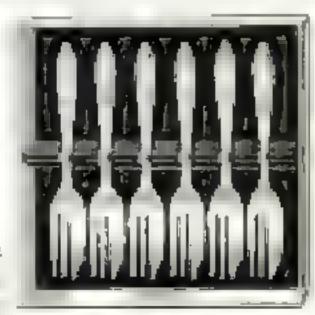
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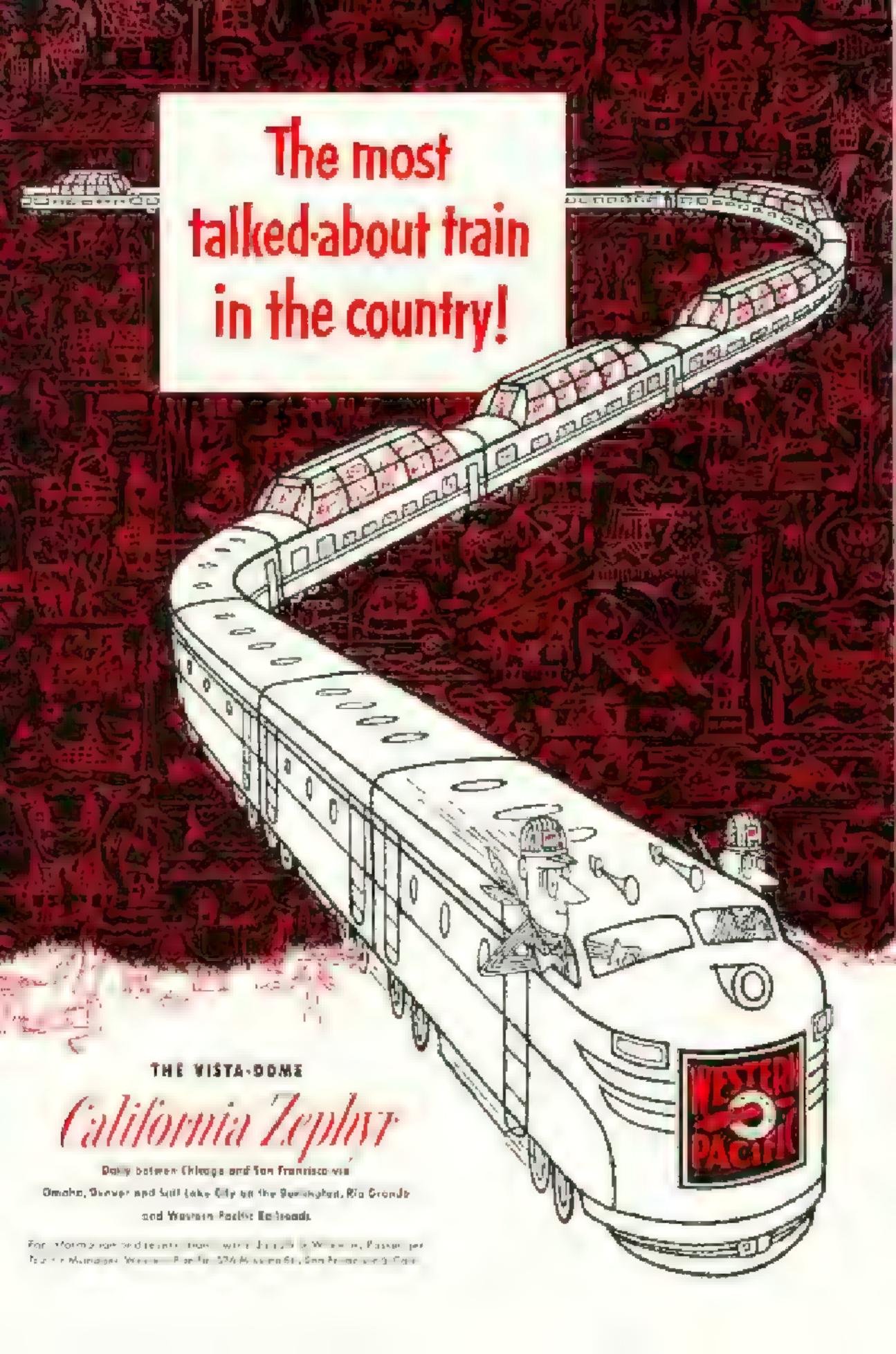


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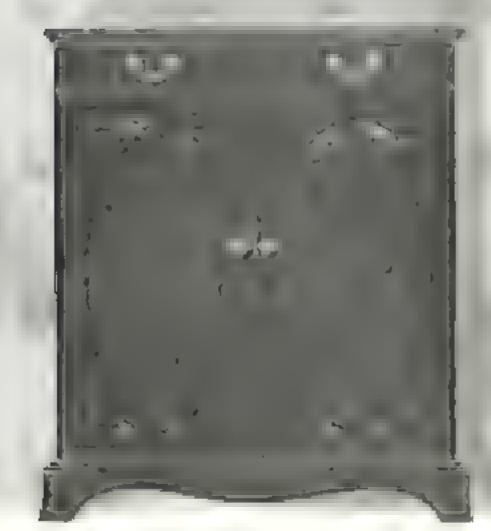


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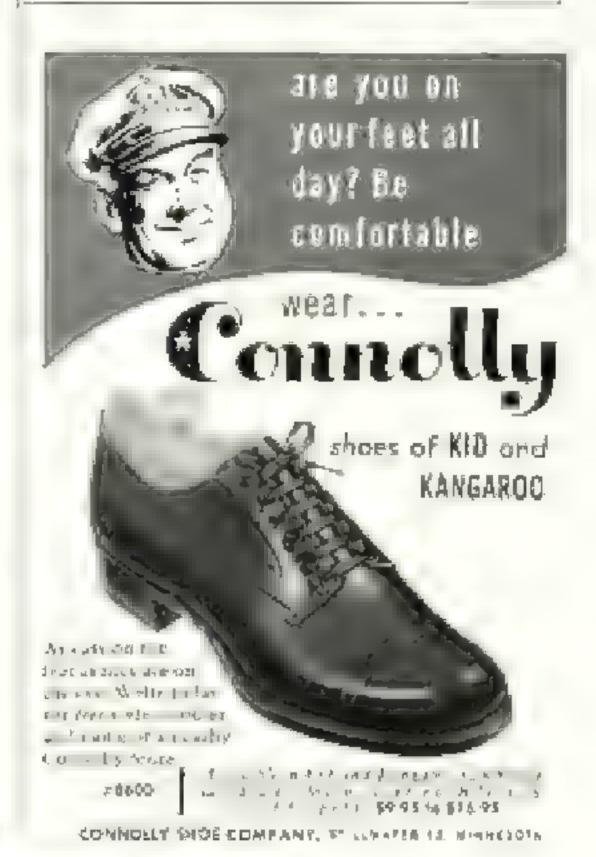
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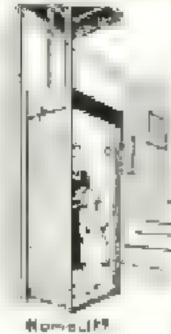
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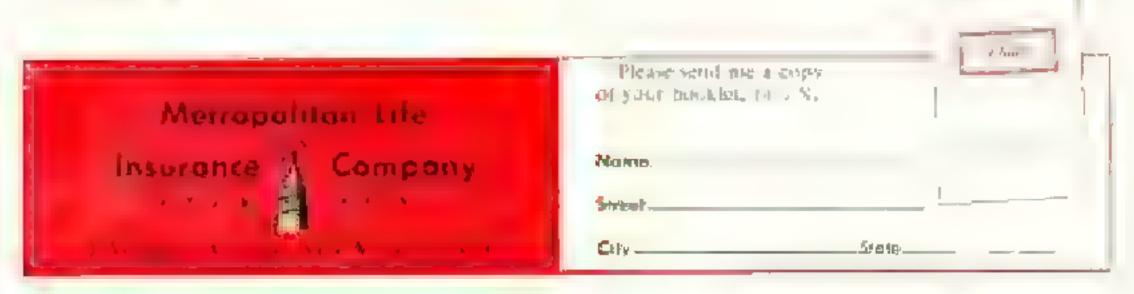
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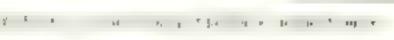
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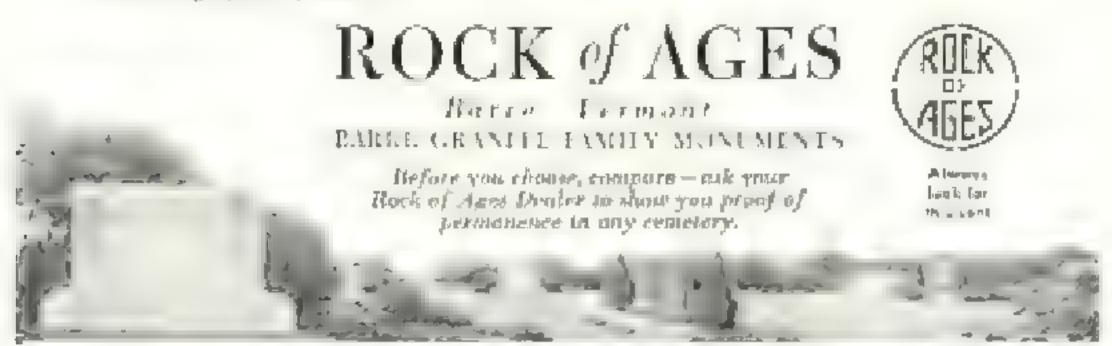
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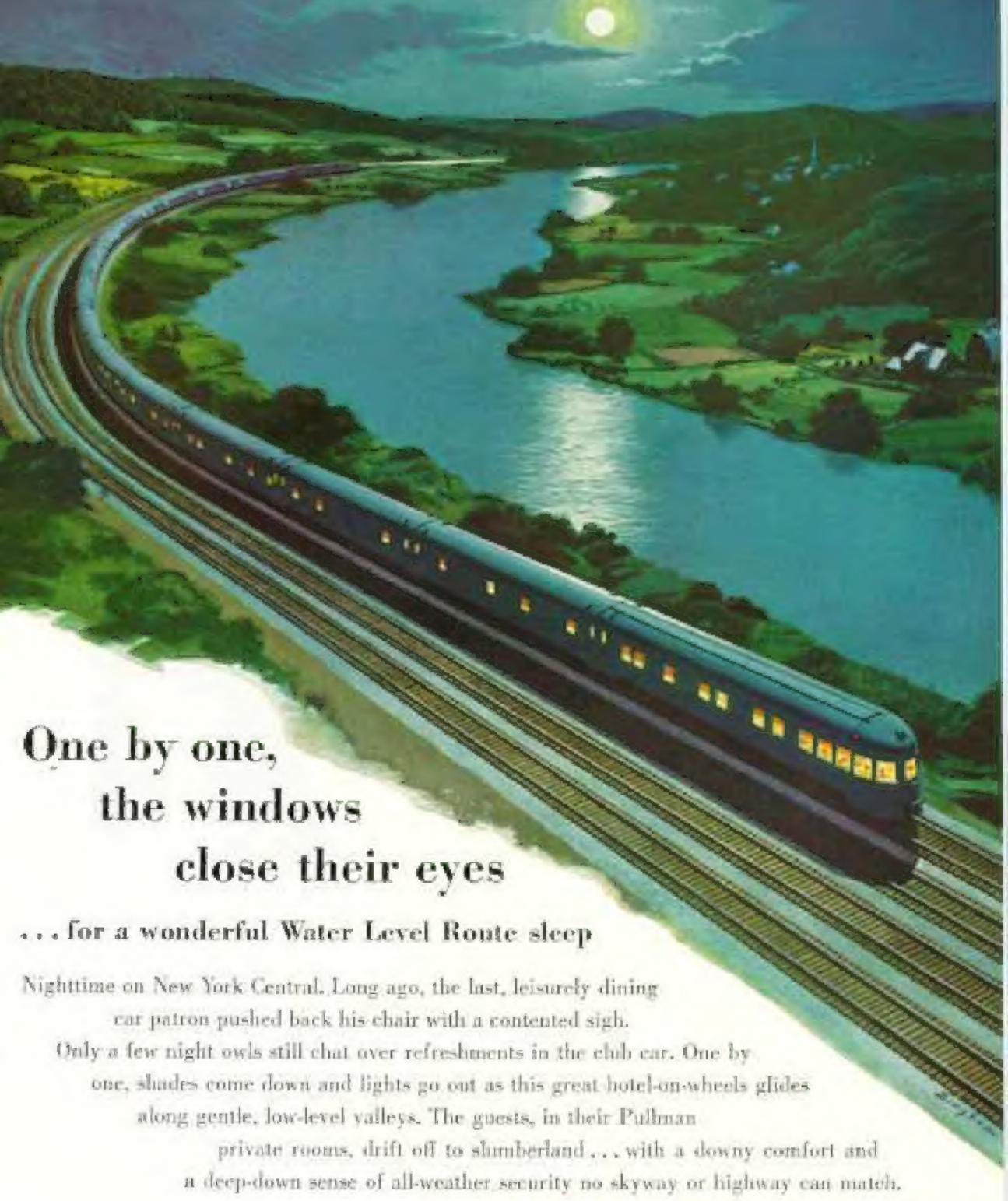
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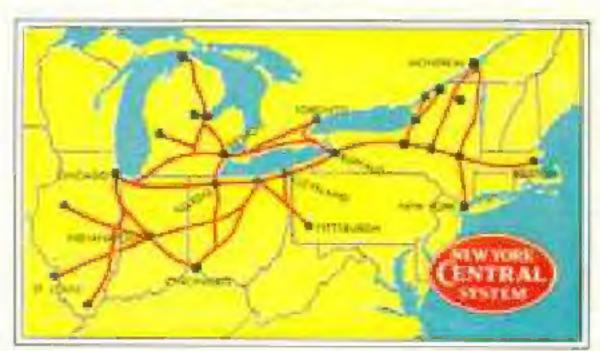
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